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MOVIE LAUNCH WEEKEND

Luppitt Village Hall has invested in a screen & projector.
Support us by coming to our movie launch weekend.

Sat 16th Sep 7:30pm. **FORREST GUMP**

Sun 17th Sep 4pm. Matinee for children, **FINDING NEMO**

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THE LUPPITT PACKET

Welcome to the September edition of the Luppitt Packet. Early autumn is here. The heat of autumn is different of course from the heat of summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them into cider. As we know, Winter is an etching, spring a water colour, summer an oil painting, and September's autumn a mosaic of them all.

A big thank you from the Luppitt Packet team for your support at the coffee morning on the 15th July. A total of £236.50 was raised.

This month's wonderful cover art submitted by Marion Chown

Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team

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!THE LUPPITT PACKET ONLINE!

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

September

Tue 5 th	Sep	Luppitt Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
Wed 6 th	Sep	Being part of the community, Barnfield, 6pm - 8pm
Sat 16 th	Sep	Start of Movie launch weekend (Evening showing for Adults)
Sun 17 th	Sep	Matinee for children
Wed 13 th	Sep	Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am.
Sun 24 th	Sep	Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church 11:00am
Sat 30 th	Sep	Murder Mystery Night with Dinner

Coming events

Sun 12 th	Nov	November Remembrance day service at 10:50am followed by Lunch in the village hall, more details in the October Packet
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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 29 th Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

Coming up:

MOVIE LAUNCH WEEKEND

Saturday 16th	7:30pm - FORREST GUMP
Sunday 17th	4pm - Matinee for children, FINDING NEMO (Details page 1)

Saturday 30th September: Murder Mystery Night with three course Dinner (details page 16)

Events to look forward to later in the year:

Friday 20th October: Autumn Bingo
Friday 10th November: Quiz Night
Saturday 16th December: Christmas Party
Please see notice on page 6

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.

Trevor & Martin

Results of the Luppitt Flower show 2023



- **Section A** T.D Hussey Cup for Vegetables winner E.J Partridge
- **Section B** Beacon Cup for Flowers winner Shirley Crabb
- **Section C** Red Doors Rose Bowl for arranging winner Pearl Pulman
- **Section D** Barn Cup for fruit winner E.J Partridge
- **Section E** Philip Simon Cup for Home craft winners Tracey Rosewell and Jean Gardner
- **Section F** Flutterby Cup for Sugarcraft winner Charlotte Gibbs
- **Section G** Hartridge Tankard for men only winner Brian Pulman
- **Section H** Village Hall cup 8 years and under winner Evie Yeomans
- **Section I** Village Hall Cup 9-16 years winner Tia Whitrow
- **Section N** Dumpdon Hill Cup for adults Novelty winner Lucy Williams

Village Hall Cup for most points Brian Pulman

I wish to thank everyone who took part and congratulate everyone for the high standard of entries

Well Done

Sue Willson



PROPOSED 'LANDSCAPE RECOVERY' BID FOR LUPPITT PARISH

Following a series of public meetings over the summer, a bid is going to be submitted to Defra this autumn under the 'Landscape Recovery' programme, to seek long term investment in the Luppitt valley in sustainable farming and nature conservation.

The parish of Luppitt is unique in the Blackdown Hills for the size of the SSSI at its core, and the extent of common land it holds. It has also benefitted from a high level of collective community activity in recent years, including the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2022. The Landscape Recovery bid will seek to build on these qualities to provide a series of long-term benefits for biodiversity, soil carbon, water quality and flood resilience, in harmony with sustainable farming. The bid will focus on:

- Investing in making Hense Moor even richer in wildlife
- Improving habitats for wildlife on the wider Commons
- Restoring marshy habitat on some of the poorer land on moist slopes around the springline
- Improving soil health, carbon storage and rainfall infiltration on the plateau land
- Protecting ditches, streams and the river on the lower valley land
- Creating opportunities for training and educational activity for local people to learn about sustainable farming.

Landscape Recovery is a competitive scheme and the Luppitt proposal will face stiff competition, but if the bid is successful, it will release funding for a development period of up to 2 years from early 2024. This will enable participating farmers to receive free, tailored business and environmental advice, helping them negotiate agricultural transition and plan for the future.

Some 25 landowners in the parish, with land totalling over 1800 acres, have so far expressed interest in joining the bid, and other landowners are invited to sign up before the deadline for submitting the bid on 21st September.

By signing up, landowners are not committing to any works or activities on their land at this stage. There will be no commitment needed until near the end of the development period, when long-term management agreements of up to 20 years can be entered into. Funding will come from Defra for the development stage, plus 'green investment' sources for the subsequent long-term agreements.

The bid is being drafted by a group on behalf of the wider parish, comprising David Barlow, Gavin Brake, David Crabb, Roger Hicks, Louisiana Lush (chair), Fred Sage and Greg Page-Turner, advised and supported by Gavin Saunders from the Blackdown Hills AONB, and George Greenshields.

Contact for further information: Gavin Saunders on 07760 665378 or email: gavin.saunders@devon.gov.uk



Luppitt Entertainments Committee Notice

Awards night at the Luppitt Christmas Party

The Entertainments Committee invites suggestions for award categories. Light hearted, cheeky, or endearing, all contributions will be considered. The deadline for suggestions is Friday 29th September. Please send your ideas to:

luppitt-smiths@hotmail.co.uk, or text / WhatsApp to 07984 735663.

A few ideas to get you started: Sexiest farmer in Luppitt? Best resident to be marooned with on a desert island? Most community minded person?

Categories will be announced, along with details of how to vote, in the November edition of the Packet. Awards will be presented at the Christmas Party.

A Luppitt Stroll

I was chatting to a lady at an event in Exeter the other day. She is a well renowned wildlife and nature photographer, and she mentioned Luppitt, and particularly a planned mini break or weekend to Devon. Hopefully a visit to Dumpdon hill to capture images of Butterflies.

I thought to myself 'a weekend' two days. What can you do in 48 hours? That we have allowed the word 'mini break' into our language reflects the lamentable sizeism which effects so many aspects of our judgement. If two days away is a mini break what was the day you got married -a micro experience?

However, many of my experiences and enduring memories strolling around Luppitt have been formed from the smallest units of time. Small things can be just as transporting-portals to a better appreciation of what really matters. The virtuosity of birdsong, the rhythm of your footsteps on good ground, the peaceable company of our fellow creatures in the lanes and fields around our homes.

I decided to take a wander up and around Dumpdon Hill to investigate the butterflies. Sure enough on the slopes facing towards Greenway manor and Little Shelvin I was surrounded by a Kaleidoscope, a wing, a

flight, a flutter, a rabble, what ever collective noun you choose, they were there..

Butterflies flitting by are a joyful site on a walk. And they're not only beautiful, they're extraordinary. Painted ladies migrate thousands of miles. Wall browns release a scent like chocolate cream, while green-veined whites trail a zesty lemon fragrance. I have been told of the large blue, who is a master con artist. After feeding on flowers of wild thyme, a larva will drop to the ground and sweetly secrete drops of honeydew to attract passing red ants. It then mimics the sound of a queen ant, encouraging the worker to carry it back to the nest-where it tucks into so many grubs it fattens itself to 100 times its original size.

Following my short but memorable Butterfly experience on Dumpdon, I head home via Palmerhayes and Rolleshayes.

The bird breeding season just passed has been like an explosion, way back in spring the fuse of reproduction was lit. The 'bomb' went off and dozens of small birds burst first from the nest and then from their parents' territory. In August this feathered debris sailed around our neighbourhood and now at last in September, some at least has floated to the ground and settled in a new place.

August might be a month to yawn and doze, but September ushers in the autumn with a little more urgency. The wild fruit is still heavy and succulent upon the berry-bearing trees and there are still bees and flies aplenty. But the occasional sharper night whisks away the heavier air. Mornings are often misty, and dampness begins to pervade the soil. September has a gentle but persuasive way of introducing harder times.



Trevor Bevan

Blackdown Hills Festival of Heritage

Dunkeswell Abbey guided tours

Sunday 10 September @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for a one hour guided tour of Dunkeswell Abbey, a monastic site, nestled in a beautiful rural location. Tours will be at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Location: Dunkeswell Abbey, Dunkeswell Honiton, Devon EX14 4RP United Kingdom

RAF Culmhead guided tour

Thursday 14 September @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Join Brian Lane-Smith from the South West Airfields Heritage Trust for a tour the historic airfield at RAF Culmhead,

Location: RAF Culmhead, Culmhead Business Park Culmhead, near Taunton, Somerset TA3 7DY

Archaeological finds day

Saturday 16 September @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Drop in to find out more about archaeology in the Blackdown Hills. Bring finds to be identified by an archaeologist. Learn how to research your local historic landscape. Free family activities - make a coil pot, have ago at a mini-excavation or make a roundhouse to take home!

Location: Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW

Hemyock's early Medieval iron industry: tea and talk

Saturday 16 September @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Dr Chris Smart, University of Exeter, will be sharing the latest research about Hemyock's early medieval iron industry.

Location: Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW

GARDEN JOTTINGS

September may be getting rather late in the year, but its garden borders are still alive with summer bedding. September is often the zenith of dahlia display. Some years ago I spent several autumn months in North Yorkshire, not the warmest part of the country. I remember the unexpected brilliance of a carefully tended dahlia display there. Early autumn was warm and sunny, yet snow and ice had descended on the area before I had got to the balmy warmth of the south east.

In September there is a strong accent on yellow in the border. There is golden rod, Rudbeckia, Heleniums, Helianthemum. Strong growing favourites like Michaelmas daisies, Japanese anemones and silvery Pampas grass contrast with this yellow theme. There are plenty of other late border plants flowering at this time – Valerian, Scabious, Echinacea, Sedum, Schizostylis. The chrysanthemum season will soon be upon us.

September is the time to start thinking about setting out spring bulbs – daffodils, hyacinths, fritillaries, crocuses. There some less usual flowering autumn bulbs – autumn crocuses and autumn snowdrops. A few years ago I remember seeing an unusual

display in a public park in Exmouth of the yellow autumn flowering Sternbergia.

Jackie was watching a hare in a field the other morning. Hares are native. They live above ground, while rabbits supposed to have been introduced by the Normans, live in burrows.

D. Street



Village Hall Entertainments Committee

Thanks to everyone who attended the Fete & Flower show, to all involved in organising and running it, and especially to those entering the competitions. A very wide variety of stalls and events this year, a superb show all round



Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

Our Next Event is on Saturday 23rd September 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.

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

23rd September and 25th November

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

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

Many thanks and kind regards

Stephan Lehner

Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

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

MICHAELMAS

Michaelmas is celebrated on the 29th September and is also known as the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Feast of Archangels, or the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels.

St Michael is considered by many to be the most important of all the angels as he hurled the devil down from Heaven for his treachery. He is the patron saint of the sea and maritime lands, of ships and boatmen, of horses and horsemen.

Harvest Festivals are held at this time of year as a thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth.

Michaelmas is one of the four quarter days of the English and Irish financial, judicial, and academic year. It marks the first term of the academic year.

Michaelmas also marks the half yearly rent day for farmers, chosen in ancient times as the harvest would be complete. A reeve (Saxon) or bailiff (Norman) would collect the rents. Many farmers still attend a rent day on larger estates. Sometimes a tenant would take a goose as a gift for the landlord if he was unable to pay his rent and this is one reason why goose is traditionally eaten at Michaelmas. Another is that geese are particularly tasty at this time of year, and Queen Elizabeth I was said to be eating goose in 1588 when she received news that the royal navy had defeated the Spanish Armada.

Michaelmas Day is sometimes called Goose Day. The famous Nottingham Goose Fair is held just after Michaelmas; it's still a great fair but no longer sells geese. It was one of many 'Mop Fairs' where labourers sought work, laying out their tools and offering themselves for hire for the coming year.

Superstition surrounds the eating of goose at Michaelmas.

'If the breast bones of the goose are brown after roasting the following winter should be mild, but if the bones are white or have a slight blue then winter will be severe.'

It was thought that if you ate a goose at Michaelmas, you would have good luck for the rest of the year. The festival was celebrated with more enthusiasm in Ireland and if you found a ring hidden in the Michaelmas pie you would soon be married.

Michaelmas used to be a popular day for the winter curfew to begin; this took the part of a tolling of the church bell, usually one strike for each of the day of the month that had passed in the current year and rung at 9pm. The word curfew may derive from the French word *couvre feu*, meaning cover fire. The bell was a warning to douse the fires and was tolled every night except Sunday until Shrove Tuesday. A similar tradition continues in Chertsey.

Folklore has it that blackberries should not be picked after Michaelmas as when the devil was kicked out of heaven on that feast day, he landed on a bramble bush and cursed the fruit, scorching them with his fiery breath, stamping and spitting on them and generally making them unfit for human consumption.

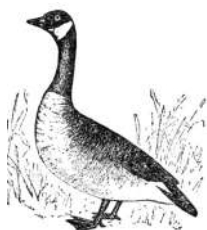
Other sayings include:

‘If St Michael brings many acorns, Christmas will cover the fields with snow.’

‘A dark Michaelmas, a light Christmas.’

‘Tis a dangerous time of year! Look out for acorns, dodgy geese and don’t touch blackberries after the 29th!

The Michaelmas Daisies, among dede weeds,
Bloom for St Michael’s valorous deeds,
And seems the last flowers that stood,
Till the feast of St Simon and St Jude.



Mary Hill

Hello Luppitt ,

Do you believe in ghosts? I never did but I do now...I was sitting on the sofa with my cup of coffee, looking at a magazine, no not a girlie one!! I looked across the room and Barb was standing there looking at me with a big smile on her face, she was there and then she was gone.....just like that!!

That cheeky little girl down at Smithenhayes became my lovely wife Barbara, we had 52 happy years together, always got on well, never any arguments

I know now that she is still with me and always will be.

Norman Pulman



I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to my Birthday Garden Party on the 30th June and for all the donations received, from people in the Mission Community and beyond, which amounted to Nine Hundred and Twenty Pounds for the Save the Children Charity.

A special thank you to my family team of organisers and my friend Michelle and her Mum, Jackie for helping them.

God Bless You All

Rene Pym



Hense Moor SSSI Update

The Environment Agency, Westcountry Rivers Trust and Wood Group UK are working with the Luppitt Commoners on a research project to understand the impact of different land use types on water resources. The area of Hense Moor SSSI below Overday Farm has been chosen as one of three pilot catchments that will be subject to detailed monitoring of flow, groundwater levels, soil moisture and rainfall.

After a delay in starting this project due to Covid, the monitoring equipment was installed in early 2023, beginning a two-year period of data collection scheduled to finish at the end of March 2025. There is a flow control beam across the stream at the bottom of this valley, which measures the variable flow levels in this tributary. Two sites in this Hense Moor valley have shallow boreholes and rainfall/weather monitoring equipment. You may have noticed them while walking on the Hense Moor over the summer (they are fenced off from livestock with untreated posts and rails). All these sites, plus a few additional ones on surrounding private land, have telemetry units sending data over the mobile phone/data network.

This study forms part of the wider Otter Land Use and Water Resources Project which focuses on assessing the benefits of woodland in the Upper Otter catchment in preserving 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, which is being collected and analysed by the Westcountry Rivers Trust, 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.

All works and required permissions were obtained in advance from Natural England under Section 28E(1)(a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended and inserted by section 75 and Schedule 9 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

When the project finishes, I have asked that the key conclusions are published in The Packet.

Gavin Brake, Chairman, Luppitt Commoners

**LUPPITT COMMONS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 2023
AT 8.00 PM
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'Dying for a Leek'

A Horticultural Homicide

by Ian McCutcheon

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- Who?** The audience must decide, by questioning the suspects and examining the evidence, who committed the heinous crime.
- Why?** To have a good time, of course!!
- When?** September 30th at 7:30 prompt in the Village Hall.
- How Much?** £20 per person to include 3 course dinner and coffee.

Numbers will be limited by catering arrangements
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Tracey Rosewell

Telephone: 01404 891218

Email: dolishfarm@btinternet.com

Or visit the HubPub Wednesday or Friday nights|
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Text messages from the Blackdown Practice

2023 Flu vaccinations for those registered with the Blackdown practice

The Blackdown Practice will be offering Flu vaccinations in line with NHS guidance to:

- patients aged 65 years and over
- patients aged under 65 years in defined clinical risk groups
- patients aged 2 & 3 years old on 31st August 2023
- patients who are residents in care homes
- patients who are carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- pregnant women

We will have plenty of Flu Vaccines available and will be able to arrange appointments for all of our patients who are eligible.

Our booking process will open during the 1st week of September, and we expect to start vaccinating from early October. We will hold vaccination sessions across all three of our surgeries. Bookings will be a combination of direct mobile text message booking, online booking, and by telephoning the surgery flu line number.

Further details of the booking process will be made available towards the end of August via The Blackdown Practice website and via text messaging – if you are not currently signed up to receive text messages but would like to do so please let us know.

Please do not contact the surgery with individual queries regarding flu until this information has been made available.

Requested to be published in the Luppitt Packet



The Blackdown Practice
Providing NHS services

Puzzle Page

FAMOUS FIVE

You'll have done famously if you can find five words of five letters in the letter grid, that can be used to make a word square in the lower grid that reads the same across and down. The words appear in the letter grid as a straight line of letters that can read in any direction. One starter letter is in place.



P	A	S	T	E	E
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N	E	E	T	A	E
O	E	E	P	N	T
L	R	F	L	I	A
W	S	D	R	O	W

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Last Months Answers

Last months answers: A.14. $14 \times 4 = 56$, and $22 \times 2 = 44$.

B. 4.8mph. e.g.: 12 miles each way takes 2 hours to run and 3 to walk. 5 hours = 24 miles. 1 hour gives 24 divided by 5 = 4.8 miles.

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

UPOTTERY PLAYGROUP

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BULLETIN BOARD

THE LUPPITT PACKET IS PLANNING A BIG BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY 2nd 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!**

LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL AGM

Will be held on **THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2023** at
7.30pm

Please come along to this open meeting and air your views.

Both the Management committee and the Entertainments Committee have vacancies, so why not join us.

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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 6th September

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

New Dunkeswell Mission Community Priest-In-Charge Licensed at Upottery Church on the 8th August 2023.

There was a wonderful welcome for The Revd Nigel Candelent and his wife Liz at Upottery Church in August, where Nigel was installed as Priest-In-Charge of the Parish Churches in the Dunkeswell Mission Community. The uplifting and joyous occasion attracted a large congregation representing all six parishes, a number of local clergy, Nigel and Liz's family, friends and parishioners from their former ministries in Sidmouth and Exmouth. The service was led by the Bishop of Crediton, Rt Revd Jackie Searle, and the Archdeacon of Exeter, The Venerable Andrew Beane.

Nigel is very much looking forward to meeting and building relationships with his new parishioners and serving alongside, Associate Priest, Revd Jane Penn. Nigel added, "There are exciting times ahead as we prayerfully discern what God has planned for us all in this new season. Liz and I have been overwhelmed by the love already shown to us since we moved into the area, through the cards, messages and warm welcome from all of the communities".

"The licensing service was a fantastic start to our ministry here. I am very grateful to all the hard work put in behind the scenes by Jane, the Mission Community administrator Sara, the Church Wardens and support team at Upottery, the worship group, all who provided and served the refreshments

afterwards and those from across the Mission Community who were involved in the service in any way, making the evening such a special one".

Please do keep Nigel and Liz in your prayers as they settle into their house in Dunkeswell, the local communities and their ministry amongst us.





We look forward to celebrating the Harvest at the end of September with a special service led by Rev Nigel Candelent.

Please bring donations of fresh and ambient food on the day. Ambient goods may be placed in the Food bank collection box that will be left in the Church porch.

Produce will be available to buy after the service so please bring along some additional cash or use the QR code. Monies raised will go towards the cost of maintaining the Church building. All remaining donations will be given to the Honiton Food and Veg Bank. It may be that you feel tired of supporting these causes but there is real need within our community, and the surrounding area, so please help us to offer our support as we celebrate the bounty of the land.

3rd Sep 9:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Rev Nigel Candelent
10th Sep 11:00am	Morning Worship Followed by refreshments	Rev Jane Penn
17th Sep 11:00am	Parish Communion	Rev Jane Penn
24th Sep 11:00am	Harvest Festival Followed by refreshments	Rev Nigel Candelent

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



St. Mary's Open Church Event

On the afternoon of Sunday 20th August the doors of St Mary's were opened wide in welcome and villagers and supporters invited to come along to enjoy light lunches, afternoon tea, Pimms and to optionally climb up the Tower and enjoy the panoramic views afforded. 28 brave souls donated generously to climb the 75 uneven steps to the tower roof. Fortunately they all descended safe and sound!

Meanwhile there was a social gathering towards the front of the Church with a swift trade in raffle tickets, hot drinks, savouries and cakes. Our new Priest-in-Charge, Revd Nigel Candelent, and his wife Liz had a great opportunity to meet Luppitt folk for the first time.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event on the day. For all those who donated the delicious homemade cakes and super raffle prizes. Special thanks to Winter and Brian Howlett for providing the Pimms and light lunches and to Trevor and Phil who welcomed climbers on to the tower all afternoon.

A whopping £490 was raised for the Church building maintenance fund. We in the Parish of Luppitt are privileged to have this historic and beautiful Church in our care. Please do support as generously as you can the inevitable upcoming appeals for essential repairs to the Church building. The small group of worshippers, who currently use the Church for services, cannot possibly maintain the Church building on their own.

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

Followed by a singalong to war time classics

Further details will be published in the October Packet

Church Cleaning Rota September:

2 Sep Mary Joyce & Pearl Pulman

9 Sep Mary Hill

16 Sep Sue Piechowiak

23 Sep Jean Gardner & Joy Tofts

30 Sep Pat Bussey



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



Quaker Meeting for Worship
Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ

Spiceland is open for Heritage Day on
Sunday 17th September 2023
2 – 5pm

Burial Grounds and Meeting House open to the public
You are welcome to bring your own refreshments to enjoy in the peaceful
surroundings of the grounds



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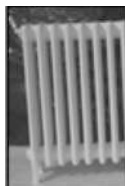
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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 4 July 2023, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Charles Murray, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Martin Summers and Andrew Tucker

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Thorne, Christine Ryder, Colin Brown and Yehudi Levine (EDDC).

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6 June 2023, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Summers and seconded by Cllr Tucker).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

EDDC webinar on Local Plan

Cllr Turner and Roger Hicks had attended the webinar. Cllr Turner explained that the purpose of the webinar was to provide an update on EDDC's emerging Local Plan (2020-2040) and to explain how EDDC will determine housing numbers in the future. Approximately 900-1,000 new houses per year over the 20-year period are envisaged. AONBs cover 65% of the East Devon district and are, therefore, considered to be a constraint to development. Grade 1, 2 and 3a of agricultural land (Luppitt is mainly Grade 3 or 4) will be protected to some degree although new Government guidance indicates that no part of the district is off limits for housing. There are 40 new Designated Neighbourhood Areas and Luppitt is listed as one of them. **Major growth** will take place on the western side of the district around Exeter; **significant development** will take place at Exmouth, Axminster, Honiton, Ottery St Mary, Seaton and Sidmouth; **support development** will take place at Broadclyst, Budleigh Salterton, Colyton, Lymington and Woodbury. A long list has been drawn up of villages (excluding Luppitt and Upottery but including Dunkswell) that have been identified for **limited development for local needs**. Settlements not included in this list are considered to be **open countryside** where more restrictive planning policies still apply and Luppitt falls into this category.

Fabrication business at Higher Wick

The clerk read out an email from a member of the family at Higher Wick explaining that they have been told by their agent that there is no requirement for a Change of Use application because steel fabrication has been carried out at Higher Wick for more than 15 years. Cllr Brown was not at the meeting but the clerk will ask him to follow up with EDDC and establish some clarity.

REPORTS

No reports received from Ward and County Councillors.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Potholes between Pennythorne Cross and Little Shelvin – clerk will report.

Parish Maintenance

- The two refrigerators that had been dumped have been removed.

Damage to road at Higher Wick

Cllrs Pulman and Tucker had visited the site. They did not feel that any action was necessary at this stage but will keep the situation under review.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Meeting between the Police and Parish Councils

Cllr Turner had attended a meeting arranged by the police and held in Dunkeswell. It was chaired by the Sector Inspector. There were 13 attendees including Cllrs Brown and Chubb. Our area of East Devon is considered to be a safe area. There are some speeding offences and some instances of drug misuse. There has been a spate of thefts of catalytic converters. There has also been some antisocial behaviour perpetrated by young people in Honiton and Axminster areas with instances of violence towards a person being filmed and put on Tik Tok. The police are treating this very seriously and are clamping down on this. The A3052 is classed as a high harm route and this is monitored closely. There are plans to open the front office of the Honiton Police Station. The aim of the meetings is to improve communications. The next meeting will be held in Seaton on Thursday, 19 October, at 11 am.

Free Trees Project

The organiser of the Free Trees Project had emailed the clerk to request more photographs. The clerk was asked to reply saying that there was not much appreciable difference to the photographs already sent. Cllr Tucker advised that some maintenance of the ground is needed. Cllr Prettejohn said he was prepared to lend a rough-cut mower and Cllrs Summers and Pulman undertook to help Cllr Tucker.

Play Area Bench

After discussion, it was agreed not to add the new bench as a separate item on the insurance policy.

Beacon Noticeboard

The clerk and Cllr Turner will research quotes for a new noticeboard at Beacon. Cllr Summers also undertook to look at the noticeboard when he is passing.

80th Anniversary Event of D-Day on 6 June 2024

It was agreed to take part in the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6 June 2024, following the format of the events organised by the Parish Council for the Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and the Coronation of King Charles earlier this year.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

External Audit

The clerk confirmed that the Annual Governance and Accounting Return has been submitted to the external auditors and the Notice of Public Rights has been displayed on the Village Hall noticeboard and the website.

Voucher for Internal Auditor

It was agreed that the clerk should purchase a voucher to the value of £50.00 to give to the internal auditor.

Councillor Training

The clerk gave details of training offered by the Devon Association of Local Councils for Parish Councillors.

Councillor Photographs

A discussion followed the suggestion by the clerk of putting photographs of individual councillors on the website, together with a short descriptive account of each councillor. There was not unanimous agreement over this but Cllr Turner and the clerk will upload their profiles in the hope of demonstrating that it is not too daunting a prospect.

Bank Card

The clerk had had a successful telephone conversation with the Co-Operative Bank and has been assured that a replacement bank card will be sent.

Correspondence

- An email giving details of meetings to be held on 17 and 19 July in the Village Hall, organised to gauge interest in a collaborative bid to Defra under the new 'Landscape Recovery' programme, was noted.
- An email from Adam's Apple Trees regarding funding to purchase rootstock apple trees was noted.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There were no items.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 1 August 2023, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Charles Murray, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker and Yehudi Levine (EDDC)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Thorne, Brian Pulman, Martin Summers, Paul Prettejohn, Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4 July 2023, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Murray).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

23/1376/FUL – Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD – erection of rural worker's dwelling

Cllrs Turner, Pulman, Ryder and the clerk had met the applicant and architect on site and were interested to hear how the business has developed over the years. The planning application is for a house for a family member who holds a very responsible position in the business. The house is sited sympathetically within the landscape. The Parish Council has no objection to the planning application.

23/1366/FUL – Otter View Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4TP – installation of earth lined slurry store

This is an environmental requirement and the Parish Council has no objection to the planning application.

Decisions

23/0639/FUL – Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD - change of use of former piggery building

Approved.

23/0790/LBC - Barn Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4TZ – increase the height of 3 chimney stacks

Cllr Ryder advised that this planning application has been approved.

REPORTS

Ward Councillor

Cllr Levine had nothing in particular to report. He is finding his way round as a new District Councillor.

County Councillor

No report received.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme – update on Items to Report

The clerk had reported potholes between Penny Thorn Cross and Little Shelvin but received a message that Devon Highways did not carry out maintenance on this road.

Parish Maintenance

Cllr Pulman had identified several potholes around the parish that need repairing but do not meet Highways' criteria. Cllr Tucker was asked to carry out the work when convenient. The clerk will send the list to Cllr Tucker. There were also several deep potholes. The clerk will liaise with Cllr Pulman to determine whether these should be put on Cllr Tucker's list or reported to Highways. The clerk will report fly tipping down Greenway Lane, near Ewins Ash.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Free Trees Project – Frank's Patch

Cllr Tucker was waiting to hear from Cllr Prettejohn about the loan of the rough-cut mower. The clerk will follow up.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Quarterly check – internal financial controls

Cllr Ryder has checked and signed the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended June 2023 and confirmed that everything is in order.

Councillor Profiles

The clerk has uploaded a photo and profile details for herself and Cllr Turner on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that councillors would send their profile details for uploading to the website and also a photograph if they had one available.

Correspondence

The clerk had received an email from PCSO Darren England about police connectivity. Cllr Turner said that this was a follow-up to the meeting she had attended at Dunkeswell in June. The clerk will respond with the information requested.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- Cllr Turner raised the question of hedge cutting which she had noticed had taken place down Church Hill. She was under the impression that hedges should not be cut before 1 September. Cllr Tucker explained that hedge cutting can take place at any time if the overgrown hedges present a traffic hazard. There was a division of opinion as to whether the hedge down Church Hill fell into this category.
- The councillors present were happy to access their copy of the Neighbourhood Plan online and did not require a hard copy. The clerk will have one copy printed for reference but will check preferences with those councillors who were not at the meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Tuesday, 3 October 2023

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

Tuesday, 5 December 2023



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