

# *Luppitt Packet*



*25th Anniversary of the Luppitt Packet*

*September 2011*

# USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

## LUPPITT

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Village Hall: Chairman: Brian Pulman 891324

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Commoners: Secretary : Gavin Brake 892767

Footpaths : Julia Sparks 891659

Luppitt Wives: Mrs Jean Hooper: 892969

Youth Club: Julia Crabb: 01404 891192

PCC secretary: Wendy Watson 891959

Church Administrator: Mrs Karen Davies 890121 (9:30 to 10:30 am)

Churchwardens: Brian Pulman 891324

John Arbuthnott 891032

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# Around the Parish



The Luppitt packet is 25 years old this September, so congratulations to everyone who has contributed so much over the years. In particular, Amian Fry who started it, Joan Beckett who has made us all giggle with her cartoons, and Julia Sparks who has designed so many of the covers, including this one which was the very first Luppitt Packet cover. I would also like to thank the distributors, who battle through all sorts of weather to get the Packet delivered to everyone.

To celebrate our 25 years you will find not only an article by Amian Fry on the beginnings, which is an update on the article she wrote for the 21st birthday, but also a separate booklet of Luppitt Laughs. I hope you enjoy both. If you would like more copies of Luppitt Laughs you can get them from Joan Beckett.

Please let me know of any births, marriages, deaths or new people in the village so I can let everyone know. And please note Heather Plummer's offer of allotments on page 47. Also please note - Youth Club, information from Julia Crabb, 01404 891192, or the Packet next month.

Have a good month

Lindsey Dalgety

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race, 2011 ,< [www.southwesttourofbrtain.co.uk](http://www.southwesttourofbrtain.co.uk) >

On Thursday 15 September the race will start in Exeter and travel through Devon, finishing on the Esplanade in Exmouth. Starting from Cathedral Yard in Exeter, the Devon stage will push the professional cyclists to their limits as they cover more than 110 miles (180 km) of tough terrain, including Dartmoor National Park, before finishing in Exmouth. The route will take in a number of other communities including Pathfinder Village, Tedburn St Mary, Moretonhampstead, Bovey Tracey, Dartmeet, Postbridge, Bow, Crediton, Broadclyst, Rockbeare and West Hill. Most towns along the route will have rolling road closures, meaning the roads will only be closed whilst the race passes through the town/village.

# LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerks abridged Minutes** for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 8pm.**

**Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011** were signed as a correct record of that meeting. **AGREED** with one correction 4.1 replace 'stiles' with 'fields'.

## PLANNING

[http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/applicat\\_on\\_searchform.aspx](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/applicat_on_searchform.aspx) for full details

**Applications** (*For comment, support or objection*)

**11/1237/FUL Odle Cottage** - New monastery building and replacement accommodation facilities. Removal of existing workshop and construction of new workshop and implement store.

**COMMENTS:** After a site visit by a sub committee of three it was agreed that there were no objections, but it was requested that the workshop building be conditioned to non residential use. It was confirmed that the current portacabins and caravans currently onsite will be removed as part of this permission, and that there would be no more people visiting or staying on site. Overall it is felt that this will be an improvement to the site.

## HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

**Parish Highways programme** – Shelf Lane to the A30 and New Road have both been tarred and chipped, the parish council will thank highways for the excellent work they have done.

**Highways** – Barn to Wick there is surface deterioration, at the end of Gulley Lane with Junction of Luppitt Common Cross there is a pothole.

**Ford Bridge** – email received from DCC Highways have taken a look at this and are content that the bridge is not at risk. It has a concrete invert which protects the bridge supports from being undermined. The shoal of material is upstream of the bridge and as such is the responsibility of the riparian owner. They think this might belong to Ridgeway Farm, Wilmington and as the bridge is in their opinion clear, they think it is unlikely this material increases the likelihood of the road flooding. DCC say that they have no powers to ask the riparian owner to remove the stone. The parish council disagree that the bridge is clear. Clerk to speak to highways to clarify the situation, a member of the council will speak to the landowner.

**Lengthsman** – has visited the parish and a parishioner has called to praise the excellent job done by the lengthsman clearing the easements and strimming around the signposts by Hillend, clerk to pass this on to Highways.



## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Report from the P3 Co-ordinator – Cllr Julia Sparks - Praise was recently given for the work on footpath 17 recently carried out under the P3 grant by several parishioners. Cllr Sparks gave an update of the Rights of Way claims, Mr Martin of DCC is retiring, there is a new person in post, but no news on Luppitt claims as yet. Uppottery recently heard theirs and none of the claims were successful.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Community policing report** – there were no crimes reported in Luppitt, but a red pick-up stole a dung spreader from Dunkeswell this morning, this was towed away via the lanes of Luppitt and seen twice.

## **FINANCE**

Letter received from the Village Hall Entertainment Committee ;

*The Parish Council were kind enough to make a gift of £100 towards the arrangements for the Royal Wedding Party that we organised in April. This money was used to buy craft items for the children's activity table and prizes for the fancy dress and hat contest.*

*On the day, the event was very well supported by the village and as the food and drinks for sale were well received, we did in fact make a profit on the day, despite this being a free entry event.*

*Under the circumstances we would like to request that you put to your committee at an appropriate time, that we would like to offer the return of the donation.* Cllr Pulman declared an interest as a member of the hall committee, Cllr Hooper proposed that this money should be retained by the committee to be put towards a village event for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the committee were thanked for the offer. Agreed.

**Clerks abridged Minutes** for a meeting of **Luppitt Parish Council** held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 at 8pm.**

**PLANNING** [http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application\\_searchform.aspx](http://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx) for full details

**Decisions** *(for information)*

**11/1237/FUL Odle Cottage** – approval granted for new monastery building and accommodation

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

Highways – issues to report – Church Hill road surface at junction to School Lane (as well as school lane and past Fairview which continues to degrade) is badly degraded and the recent white lines were drawn through the potholes. There are subsidence dips are forming at Wick a parishioner recently fell over walking on that road in the dark and was quite badly hurt,

there is also a drain needs clearing outside Higher Wick Farm. The quality of gritting with the new machine recently laid through the village was praised as it seems to be larger grit, and stuck far better with less leaving the tar.

### **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Report from the P3 Co-ordinator – Cllr Julia Sparks reported that the commoners have had a meeting about fencing the common and following concerns about horses and riders negotiating cattle grids, the consultancy firm working for the commoners assured the meeting that there were always gates beside cattle grids for the access of the cattle that would always allow ample horse access.

### **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Community policing report** – two crimes since the last meeting; a ‘burglary other’ where a quad bike was stolen from secure barn in Luppitt parish, but over the hill in Otter Valley; and a false representation where an e mail was received from a friends e-mail account saying he was stuck abroad and needed money. Cash was transferred to account which turned out not to be the friend. The e-mail account had been hacked into. There has been an increase in rural breaks to outbuildings over last few weeks – please lock up and report suspicious activity.

**If you receive an e-mail asking for money, check it out before handing any over.**

**DCC Commons Act 2006** – update of entries at the Mill, Luppitt for information

### **FINANCE**

**Audit commission** have completed the annual audit with no matters arising.

### **Dates for next meetings –**

8pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011      Luppitt Village Hall



### ***Honiton Mobile Library***

		arrive	depart
September 14th	Village Hall	11:15	11:45
September 28th	Village Hall	11:15	11:45



## Twenty Five Years of the Luppitt Packet

I should start by a little personal history. Many years ago when I was a student, I travelled every week day, from my home in Bedford to London. My Father also travelled on the same train and he would buy The Times (and travel 1st Class) and I would buy the Daily Telegraph and travel 3rd. On the return journey we would swap papers. My Father would tease me that I would end up editing The Times. Little did I think I would edit the Luppitt Packet! I met John, fell in love, married and became an Army wife. I still read The Telegraph and feel strongly that the written press is vital to maintain our freedom in many ways, particularly putting a spotlight on all forms of Government, national and local. If you only get your news from the TV, it is very limited.

John and I moved with our family to Woodbury in 1964 and were delighted to subscribe to the Woodbury News. We took part in village life, John played cricket for Woodbury when he was not playing for Free Foresters or Devon Dumplings. We joined Woodbury Tennis Club and with friends, raised enough money to build two hard courts.

We moved to Hillend in May 1978 and missed a village magazine, there was only a sheet of church news which Olive Clapp produced on a Roneo. We were so busy here that we could have lived our life at Hillend and paid little attention to village affairs. However in 1982 Faith Liscombe persuaded John to become involved with the Village Hall, (the only bit standing was the kitchen!) We had noticed a big change in the parish, farm houses were sold away from their land, cottages repaired by new residents, but there was nothing to bring us together. May 1986 at the annual Parish meeting, I asked if more news could be added to the church news sheet but no. I talked to Pat Heasey about this and we did a survey of the voting population of Luppitt and found that two thirds worked outside the village. I discussed my proposal of a village magazine with Nick Wall and Olive Clapp and they both thought it was a good idea, but Olive did not want to produce it. I then approached the Community Council of Devon, who are very keen to support village magazines, but they cannot support a church magazine, so I decided to try, and on my theory that women are optimistic I invited all the women I knew to a meeting one evening at Hillend. I arranged for Mrs Brighouse, the Editor of the Woodbury News and Desera from the Community Council to come and give us a talk. Desera brought samples of other magazines in Devon and at the end of the meeting I asked for volunteers: Jean Hooper, Naomi Lott, Pat Hearsey, Jennifer Hesketh Jones volunteered, and Julia

Sparks said she would draw us a cover, and then joined the editorial team. Joan Beckett soon joined and over time Rene Tucker and Kathy Crabb added to the team. But the main trouble, nobody wanted to pay anything! Richard Hearsey said he would give us a weather report, and Mary Barnard would write us a gardening article. I wrote to all organisations in the village to write us a monthly report and they all agreed except the Parish Council. I knew that anyone from anywhere in the country, could write a personal report on the parish council and publish it, even in The Times, so I attended every Parish Council meeting from 1986 to 2000, when I retired from editing the Packet. Our first hurdle was finance, so the editorial team worked hard to find advertisers from local business we knew personally; Nick Wall suggested that I spoke to John Carr of FRM and Mr Carr handed me £25.00 and we were able to buy our first lot of paper. The first issue was printed on a photocopier at Whitehall Farm, the home of Jennifer Hesketh Jones, but we could not impose on their hospitality for long. We had our first coffee morning at Hillend in November 1986, but I can't remember much as I had a temperature of 102 with flu and collapsed into bed afterwards! We raised enough money to buy a second hand copier from the Social Service in Tiverton that had been found for us by the Community Council. We aimed to have different covers each month and Joan did a cartoon each month. We had an editorial meeting in my study every month, and Joan helped me paste the copy like an old fashioned newspaper. I then printed the copy and we had another meeting in my kitchen when we stapled the Packet together. The second hand copier lasted a few years, but kept breaking down at the most inconvenient times, the final straw was half way through the December issues, and John had to finish printing the final pages at work. We then received a very generous donation from the late Mr Jacobs of Beacon and we were financially stable enough with the help of Devon County Council to enter a contract with Rank Xerox, and Devon CC helped with a paper supplier in Exeter. I was able to sell the old photocopier for more than we had paid for it!

A few years later we upgraded to a larger photocopier which was very fast and didn't break down. I had to improve the floor in our utility room to house this copier and made the concrete floor as John was recovering from a hip operation. John finished the floor as he did not approve of my work! I always kept one page for last so that I could incorporate the weather. We had a final date for copy but of course pieces did come in late, on one occasion I had to print one article in small type so that I could squeeze it in (and then they complained). John often told me to put my foot down but I did want to get everything in for the readers.

We had difficulty in finding a farming correspondent and in the end I used articles from FWAG with their permission. Vim Verplanke followed Mary Barnard's gardening articles and then David and Jackie Street. We reprinted Mary's articles in a little booklet. Noel George followed on from Richard Hearsey on weather, and Nan George also added weather lore. Nan Brown wrote two series on shopping in Taunton and Wellington, and we published those in two booklets. It would be good if something similar could be produced.

The recipes section makes The Packet different from other village magazines. The coffee mornings helped with the finances, but also allowed many of us to meet in a social way, to exchange ideas, as well as to visit houses in the village that we might not visit. I produced enough magazines so that we could send copies to houses just outside the parish boundary, we received generous donations from those residents and I hoped that they would be encouraged to attend functions in the village.

Newspapers always change with a new Editor and The Luppitt Packet has changed. I gave up Editorship in December 2000 but I missed the companionship when John died. I hope the Packet will continue for many years to come and bring news and entertainment to all of us who are lucky enough to live in such a lovely part of Devon. I took the name from the Falmouth Packet, the local paper that I used to read on my summer holidays in Cornwall, and a pun on Luppitt Harbour! The 18th and 19th century Packet ships were the first to land with news for the country, especially after naval battles.

An Editor of a village magazine has a harder life than the Editor of The Times, you are producing a magazine for your neighbours and some just throw your hard work away. And you do have to badger people to write but the surprising thing I found that there were so many people who could write if you persuaded them. Guy Chamberlain, who lived at Hensemoor House, wrote me two very interesting articles about his trips abroad, one walking along the Andes and another in Somalia. Guy did not want his name mentioned and I always had a feeling that he was working for MI6. They moved to Malta (the home of spies!) Don't wait to be asked, let Lindsey have an article even if you do not work for MI6.

Amian Fry.



**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US AT THESE  
FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2011 7.00 p.m.  
B.S.G. COORDINATOR, BARBARA, TALKS ABOUT HER TRIP TO  
BHUTAN**

**The Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock  
Tickets £5 to include wine, cheese & biscuits**

**SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2011 10.00 – 2.00 p.m.  
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The Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock**

**If you have any donations for this sale, please drop them in to the BSG office in  
Hemyock or call 01404 861195 and they can be collected by arrangement**

**BSG LINK FUND RAISING**

**All events are so important for the success of the BSG. These events bring in  
funds, advertise to a wider number of people what we do and hopefully recruit  
more volunteers who are desperately needed to carry on the services provided.  
If you think you might be interested in helping put on some events in the future,  
please contact us.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US ON 01823 681036  
Blackdown Support Group, The Surgery, Station Road, Hemyock, EX15 3SF.**

**Registered Charity Number: 1013514**

**HARVEST SUPPER.**

**The Harvest Supper will be held on Monday 26th September 2011 at  
the Village Hall, 7-30 for 8pm.**

**Followed by Sale of Produce for the Church Funds.**

**If you wish to have a drink with your meal, please bring it with you,  
together with glasses.**

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH TOO COME BY  
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**Jean Hooper - 892969**



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# Flower Show

In spite of the rather dull drizzly day, it was warm and friendly in the Village Hall where dozens gathered for the Luppitt Flower Show. Both as entrants, and as spectators, who came to see how everyone had done, and sample the lovely cakes and cream teas.

It was a really good show of produce, fruit, flowers and cooking, and with some amazingly imaginative (and saucy) contributions to the classes. It was lovely to have more entries from the gentlemen of the village, and lots more entries from the youngsters. Keep up the good work for next year!

All our congratulations to the winners, better luck next year to the losers, and many many thanks to all the willing hands who helped to make the day such a success.

The full results will be in the October Packet.

Sue and Joan

## Flower Show Quiz, answers and winner

1. The Cornish attraction in the film: The Eden Project.
2. Brown Willy is on: Bodmin Moor
3. Nearest to Scillies: Cornwall/England
4. Salop is now: Shropshire
5. On the £20 note: Worcester Cathedral
6. Bishops Rock Lighthouse is on the: Scillies
7. The Wooden O is the: Globe Theatre
8. Indiana Jones' dad was: Sean Connery
9. Uncle Tom Cobley was supposed to come from: Widdicome in the Moor
- 10 The ship raised: The Mary Rose
11. Between the Isle of Wight and Britain: The Solent
12. The "Greatest Mediaeval Experience": Warwick Castle
13. Silbury Hill: Man-made chalk hill.
14. From the hills of Berkshire: The Thames
15. The banned author: Enid Blyton
16. Installed in the House of Commons: Air conditioning.
17. That area of London: Soho.
18. The educational pamphlet: The Highway Code.
19. The number of Cinque ports: 7
- 20: The Cornish event: Eclipse of the sun.

Congratulations to the Jones Family, with the most right answers.

## ***Over 60's Luncheon Club***

**Thursday 8th September 2011**

**Glass of Sherry**

**Chicken in White Wine Sauce**

**Potatoes      Seasonal Vegetables**

**Pears & Ice-Cream**

**Tea & Coffee**

**Raffle                  £4.00                  Jean Hooper 892969.**

## **FAMILY ROUNDERS AND** **TEA**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 2.30**  
**BRING AND SHARE TEA**  
**DRINKS PROVIDED**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM**  
**5.00PM**  
**FANCY DRESS CONTEST**

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Luppitt with Upottery Branch had a beautiful afternoon for the Cream Tea which was enjoyed by all who came, and £141.00 was raised which will be put to good use at home & Overseas. Sadly there were fewer people there than expected but we should like to express our thanks to all those who did come along to support us.

Our September meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September will take the form of a Communion Service in Luppitt Church at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea. Visitors are most welcome.

We shall be enjoying the Deanery Lunch in Colyton on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. All proceeds will be for Mothers' Union Overseas work, and tickets at £11 each are still available. Please ring Branch Leader Margaret Young ( 01404 43495) if you would like to join us.

Please will members who take the "Families First" magazine bring their 2012 subscription of £9 to the September meeting.

The Prayer group will meet on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 30 am at Hedgend Barton.



## STRUGGLING WITH SCHOOL?

If your child is having difficulty with schoolwork, and you think that some extra tuition from a qualified teacher (both primary and secondary experience) could help, then please give me a call on 01404 891959 to discuss.

*KS1 / 2 all subjects ; also KS3 / 4 mathematics to GCSE*

Philip Watson, BA (Hons), PGCE

## Baby and Toddler

### Soft Play Session

This group meets in the Village Hall on Tuesdays  
Term time only at 1.30-3.15 pm

All welcome! For further information,  
Please contact Maria 891058.



## **Well, what a surprise!**

We have just had the most wonderful holiday. I gather it has rained for the last two weeks but up in Scotland it has been beautiful.

We have had a long journey visiting friends all the way from Luppitt to the top of Skye and all the way down, but whilst travelling through Oban and under McCaig's folly, I was dug in the ribs by David who said "there's you know who!"

So we drove around the one way system praying that she was still around and there she was Marguerite and very soon Nick and what a catch up. Their home is lovely and the bike dog and Marguerite have been tried, I only wish I could have caught it on camera! Dog strapped into back pack on Nick's back with Wife jammed on behind and away they go! So perhaps a first check in, they are doing fine and of course the sun shines on the good!

Mary Ann

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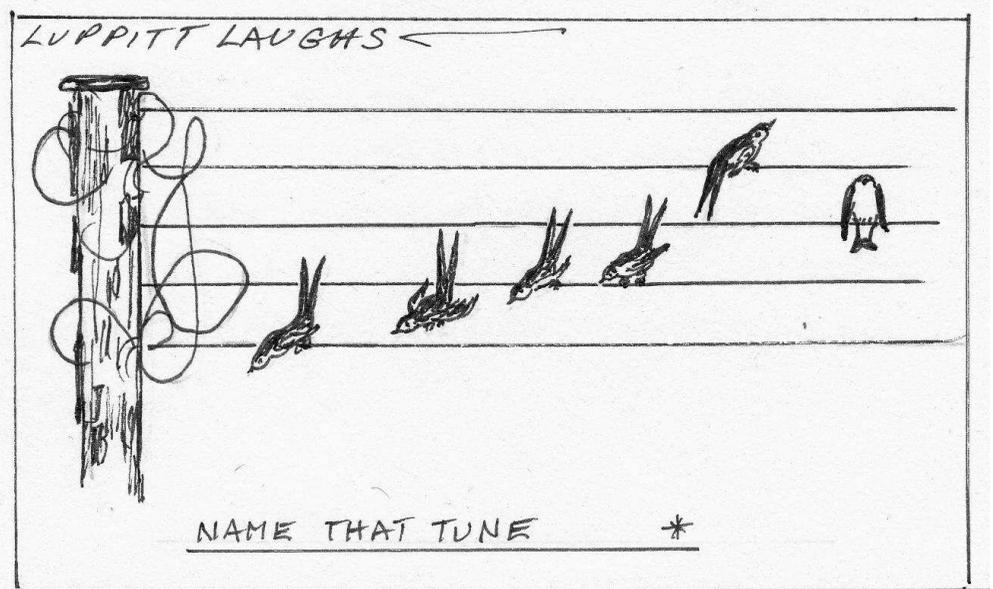
## A couple of useful websites....

I have been bothered by low flying military exercises recently and just found a Ministry of Defence website where it is possible to complain. Apparently they will respond to my email within fifteen days.

Hopefully other Luppitt area residents will make their voices heard at this link so our peace can be restored. <http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/AirSafetyandAviation/LowFlying/HowDoIComplainAboutMilitaryLowFlyingActivity.htm>

Jan Hunter

Council for the Protection of Rural England have a new website [www.cpredevon.org.uk](http://www.cpredevon.org.uk) If you are interested in getting the latest news and information from them, subscribe to their newsletter, which can be done on the homepage of their website.



\*See page 47

## **Mothers' Union influences Government policy**

The Mothers' Union has had a very successful General Meeting in Edinburgh on June 9th this year. On the previous evening, Wednesday 8th June 2011 the Province of Scotland welcomed around 1500 members and visitors from all over UK (and some worldwide) to services at St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Cathedral and St John's Scottish Episcopal Church. All the Scottish bishops attended and the preacher was the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Revd David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. It was a truly moving occasion **and we were mindful of what a privilege it is to be part of an organisation that encompasses members from "just everywhere!"**

The General Meeting took place in the Usher Hall in Edinburgh and there was a great air of excitement for us all, as the Bailey Review, "Letting Children Be Children", had just been published and there had been considerable coverage in the media about this. The Government had asked Reg Bailey, chief executive of Mothers' Union, to carry out this independent review as the first step in fulfilling the commitment the government made to take action to protect children from excessive commercialisation and premature sexualisation.

Reg talked to us about it during the meeting and it was interesting to hear first hand all about his work carrying out the review. As he said, we all know that it is natural for parents to want the best for their children. It is just as natural for them to want to do what they can to protect their children from the potential risks to their health, happiness and safety. Among the concerns that parents have is that their children are under the twin pressures to grow up too quickly and to become consumers or sexualised adults earlier than is appropriate. These pressures on children today are greater than they were for previous generations. They reach children through all forms of popular culture, including television, film, magazines, newspapers, music and the internet. Children and young people encounter them in their homes, when they go shopping or out with friends and family and on their mobile phones and games consoles. He has built on the important work of other reviewers in this area and one such notable person, Professor Tanya Byron, had given us a highly entertaining presentation earlier in the day.

Reg has been particularly interested in hearing the views of the people most affected by the unwarranted pressures to grow up too quickly: parents and

children. The review commissioned face-to-face surveys of the views of parents and children and qualitative research with parents, undertook a call for evidence from parents, and drew on the results of a survey of children and young people carried out by the Children and Young People's Advisory Board of the office of the Children's Commissioner.

In the course of his review Reg met representatives from retailing, advertising, marketing, broadcasting and internet service providers, their trade associations and their regulators. He also met experts in child protection, parenting champions and a range of academic and other experts in this field.

The voices of parents and children come through strongly in the four key themes identified in his report. Children and young people today are surrounded by sexualised imagery that has become an all-pervasive, ever-present backdrop to their lives, whether on television, the internet, in shops or public spaces. Parents find that goods and services for children in reputable high street shops are sometimes overly sexualised or needlessly gendered. Businesses in the children's market too often treat children only as consumers and not as children. Parents find it hard to voice their concerns or make a complaint and fear they will not be listened to if they do. Reg said that he has listened to the concerns of parents and takes them seriously. He understands that they want to set the standards and values their children live by and that they want support from businesses and others in doing this. He believes that their views have a special status as they speak for children, not just for themselves.

That is why, in making his recommendations, Reg is seeking ways to make businesses and regulators more responsive to the views of parents and to give parents more direct influence on how the decisions affecting children are made. Reg said, "I wanted to understand the nature of these pressures on our children and young people. I hope that parents would feel that I have listened to their concerns and that they will be taken seriously. I hope that our regulators will work consistently to connect with parents, recognising that they should have a much larger say in what is appropriate or desirable for their children to see and hear."

Reg recommends in his review that the Government take stock of progress in 18 months' time and consider what further measures may need to be taken to achieve the recommended outcomes. The day before he arrived in

Edinburgh, Reg had been meeting with the Prime Minister who had been impressed with the review and had felt that 18 months was too long to wait, so he was keen to come back to these issues in October, in just 4 months time.

Reg also paid tribute to his colleagues at Mothers' Union and the Buy Bye Childhood campaign launched by MU in the autumn, which prompted his being asked to undertake the government independent review. Mothers' Union wishes to see the end of childhood being treated as a marketing opportunity and children being targeted with or exposed to the 'sex sells' approach. Two years ago, MU members were asked their views on this subject - many of our members here, at local level, responded - and this prompted independent research which led to the Bye Buy Childhood campaign. Mothers' Union welcomes the recommendations made in the Review. In particular we appreciate the focus on parents' concerns, building upon previous research into the issues. Whilst rigorous research is important, we do welcome the 'common sense' approach adopted in the Review and we will continue to campaign to ensure that the Government takes steps to carry out the recommendations.

This is just one example of how being a member of Mothers' Union can help influence government policy!

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## Luppitt Fun Ride In aid of St.Mary's Church

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Enthusiastic Luppitt volunteers marked and signposted the route, acted as marshals, and provided much needed refreshments including bacon butties and burgers at the finish.

Almost every one of the riders said how much they had enjoyed their day and were very complimentary about the route, the marshalling and general organization. Many of them asked "what about next year?"

The success of the event owed a great deal to Hannah Mason's tireless work over several months to arrange the route, contact landowners, publicise the ride in the riding community, order the traditional rosettes etc. She walked many miles to inspect and mark the route, and even raced around on the day making sure all was going well.

Many thanks to the group of Luppitt riders and non-riders who organized the event, and to Karen and Roger Davies who manned the signing in of riders and parking directions all day.

We admit that were a little nervous about taking on the challenge to organize a proper equestrian event open to all, but the weather was kind, a great deal of enjoyment was provided, and everyone involved was glad to have taken part.

In spite of the considerable fixed costs such as for insurance, the very welcome net sum of £500 was raised for the church.

On behalf of St Mary's Church, very many thanks to all,

Brian and John Churchwardens

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**September's here again!** – when life has to get back into, or go up, a gear.

It may just mean meshing into the school term time routine again which dominates all you have to do, or perhaps the day arrives when everything changes for you:-

that precious little bundle is now in that school uniform and is running for the playground to a world of new friends and new experiences;

or that one, who only yesterday was still that exasperating but lovely vulnerable teenager is now, or about to be, off to that far distant college or university. And the home is wonderfully, but horribly, quiet and still.

September can be a sharp reminder that, at whatever stage, life goes on and moves on. And there are occasions when that next move is a momentous one and our day- to- day life is never the same again.

In the Bible God says that He is the God who does not change, and yet he also says, "Look I am doing a new thing". Of Jesus (God the Son who is the same yesterday, today and for ever), the scripture says that He calls me out by name (He knows me personally) and leads me out; and having called me, He goes on ahead – for me to follow.

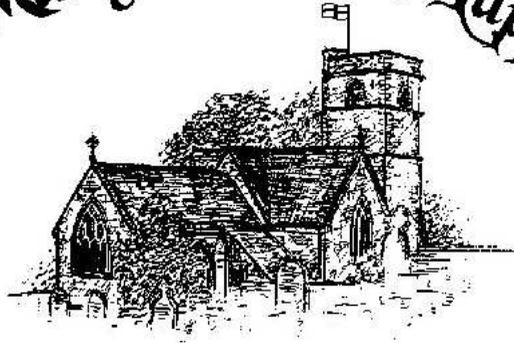
Three years ago, September brought, for Maggie and I, the final stage of having to sell up and leave, what had been our family home for approaching 30 years. Although we had seen this coming and, in our prayers had committed ourselves to God and to his purpose in all this, it was still a very unsettling, even disturbing, time. However, we now find ourselves part of a lovely village community, surrounded by beautiful countryside and have made so many new friends: so many only ever get to dream about such a thing.

So, whether it's plodding on within the security of the same routines or feeling vulnerable and a little "at sea", because things are not the same for you any more, look for, listen to and follow Him.

"Don't take my word for it". Try it and you'll find that it works.

David Palmer  
(Dunkeswell)

# St Mary's Church, Tuppitt



## Forthcoming Services at St Mary's

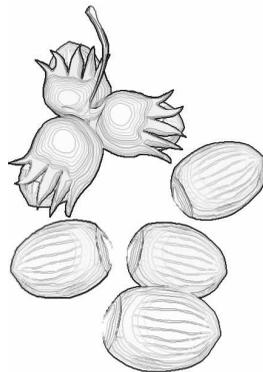
Sunday 4 September	11:00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 11 September	11:00 am Family Service & Baptism
Sunday 18 September	7:00 pm Common Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 25 September	11:00 am Harvest Festival Family Service
Sunday 2 October	9:30 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion <i>(the Venerable Penny Driver, Archdeacon of Exeter, officiating)</i>

## Other Services in the Benefice

	<b>St Nicholas' Dunkeswell</b>	<b>St James' Sheldon</b>	<b>St Mary the Virgin Uppottery</b>
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Sunday 11 September	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	9:30 am BCP Morning Prayer	11:00 am All Age Worship
Sunday 18 September	11:00 am Battle of Britain Service	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am Matins 6:00 pm Reflections
Sunday 25 September	9:30 am Morning Prayer	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
Friday 30 September	7:30 pm Harvest Service & Supper		
Sunday 2 October	11:00 am Morning Prayer	3:30 pm Harvest Service	11:00 am Harvest Service
every Wednesday			9:00 am Morning Prayer

## Church cleaning and flower rota

3 September	Ann Arbuthnott & Lesley Rogan
10 September	Carole Thorne & Jean Hooper
17 September	Wendy Clapp & Pearl Pulman
24 September	Iris Selway & Mary Joyce <i>Harvest decorations - all</i>
1 October	Christine Page-Turner, Olive Clapp, Shirley Crabb & Beryl Hardwick

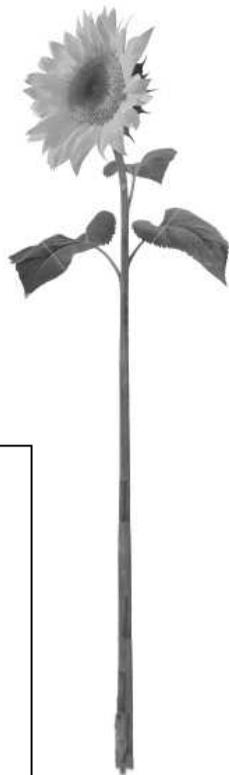


## Sunflowers

As you may remember, we gave out sunflower seeds at the Mothering Sunday service, back in April.

So, how did they do?

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## Luppitt Wives Thursday 15th September, Museum and Lunch

We are starting the season with a morning visit to the Allhallows Museum, Honiton, for a look at the special pieces of lace bought this year. And also the nightdress and cape which belonged to the late Duchess of Windsor. We will then go on to lunch.

Meet outside the Museum at 11am.

Joan Beckett

### Many Thanks

Miriam Choules would like to thank all her dear friends and neighbours for their cards, gifts and kind wishes on the occasion of her recent 99th birthday

## **ORDS are weird**

by D.Street

**I read** May Bowsher's light-hearted article on the oddities of English plurals and the strangeness of English words. On a more serious, but perhaps less amusing note, I thought, it might be interesting to say how some of these oddities have arisen. Of course, as you realise, it will give me a chance to try to upstage the article, and show everyone I am into this sort of thing. But enough of this. I'd better get on with it.

Languages are records of the past, remembered in people's minds. Every generation has taught to their sons and daughters the words learned from parents. So we should today use words spoken by ancestors long ago. So we do, but new words are always being made up, and some words just stop being used. Words too have always been pronounced slightly differently over the centuries in different places and in different villages. So different accents gradually start, and further afield different dialects, and even further away different languages that become incomprehensible to each other. Words change, but only slowly. Otherwise no one

would know what you were talking about.

Words follow patterns. In today's pattern of English you add "s" to make a plural. This was not always so. Anyone who knows Welsh or German knows their plurals are not so simple.

Once English was like Welsh or German. Different words had different plurals. Gradually English speakers simplified to have just two plurals. Some words had "s" others had "n". We still keep oxen, children, brethren. There was once "housen" and "shoon", nowadays shoes and houses. If people had chosen to use "n" just a little more, things might have gone differently, and we would have all plurals ending in "n" instead of "s".

The word "children" is a special case. It has a double plural ending. In Old English a child was "cild", and children were "cildru". Even today some English dialects have "childer" for children. An "r" plural was so strange that people added on an "n" to make it sound like a proper "n" plural, but it has never got an "s" for its plural.

Words like deer never had a plural "s", and they still don't. Plurals like "foot" and "feet", and "mice" and "men" are relics from the past, when English had different sorts of plurals. These are everyday words which people have never "modernised".

Words not only change slightly. They quite often just stop being used, and disappear altogether. Once there was a word for man "wight". You may just remember it from school poetry lessons. And once there was another word for man - "guma" (and "guman" for men). This came from a very old word for earth - "dheghom". A person connected with the earth, that is a farmer, was pronounced dhghom- with a further ending. Not surprisingly this word lost its "d". It became "guma" in English, and through Latin "human". So a human would have been a farmer originally. Quite sensible - that, really.

Talking about missing "d"s - a hundred once started with a "d", that has since disappeared. Believe it or not, hundred actually meant originally "ten-tens-number". Nothing really unexpected there, I suppose. And a thousand, when the word was first made up, as all words of course once were - a thousand meant simply "a big hundred" - that is, "thous-hund", with "thous" being a very old word for big.

After making up a word for a thousand, we English got by quite happily without special names for bigger numbers until the 1600s, when we borrowed a million from the Italians - the word, that is. I doubt they'd've had the money even then. Perhaps our Trade Deficit or the National Debt or something like that was getting so big we needed larger numbers to talk about it.

# Garden Jottings

by D.Street

**We had quite** a bit of excitement the other day. Jean Gardiner suddenly appeared on our quiet and peaceful patio in a real tizzy. She had just gone along to clean her pond, and caught an adder in the water. It didn't actually rear up, three foot high, right in front of her, as I thought. At this time of the year it was probably a hungry pregnant female, that must have slipped into the pond after the fat frogs that were there. Or maybe it had spotted Mervyn's fish.

Fortunately we were able to catch it, and push it into a plastic tub. The adder wouldn't have thought very much of being shut up in an old chicken manure tub, and then carried up to Hartridge. Anyway it swept off into the undergrowth without even so much as a goodbye. "These humans get on my nerves," I think I heard it say. "Makes you wonder what they think frogs are for."

Being bitten by an adder is going to be a painful experience, but it is not normally fatal. In any case, unless cornered, an adder is likely to be a lot more scared of something as big as you, and is very happy to hurry off to a place of peace and quiet, where it can be left alone. Of course an adder bite wouldn't do an inquisitive cat - and Jean has two - much good. On the whole cats give a wide berth to snakes, and some think twice about going near even lengths of hose.

Adders with their black zigzag stripes are by far the commonest snake in Britain. We have two other types - both totally harmless. There is the grass snake, also called the ringed snake, paler and thinner than the adder, with spots in lines across its back. It is widely spread across the country, but quite thinly.

The other is the rare and endangered smooth snake, nowadays confined to central southern England, where there were lots of them a hundred and fifty years ago. Though they live in dry sandy places, they tend to be found near water.

And then there is the much smaller slow-worm, which looks like a small snake, but really isn't one. Slow-worms are olive gold colour when they are young, but darken with age. We usually see one or two of these basking in the sun during the spring, although not this year. It's probably not too safe with JCS around.

The Luppitt Flower Show 2011 was well attended on Saturday August 13th. There were some amazing long beans, huge onions and cabbages, and gorgeous flower arrangements and more gorgeous flowers in vases. Quite a few youngsters had entered the children's competitions - poems about "My Pet" and farmyards in a seed tray. In the adult section there were a lot of mouth-watering coffee chocolate cakes. There were entries for peanut brittle and rock cakes. Several brave males this year had gone into the kitchen to cook their entries. And right at the end, the "adult" novelty class - dare I mention it? - ahem - a beach scene.

Many thanks to Joan Beckett and Sue Wilson for organising this event each year.

Now that autumn is drawing near, I note it has been pointed out to me recently, that when naturalising daffodils, there is a strong case for planting the paler native species, rather than the big, bright, showy garden daffodils hybridisers have developed. Perhaps these are better kept to gardens.

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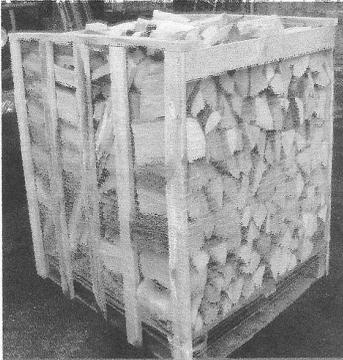
**LOCAL ARTISTS TAKE PART IN OPEN STUDIOS**

The **Devon Open Studios** trail, opening from 3 – 18 September, will be well represented in the East Devon area this year. Local artists are again throwing their working studios open to the public and all will be welcome. A group of artists whose studios are close to Honiton have got together to promote their personal exhibitions of work.

At Upton, Sarah Bovey and Ann Janes share a studio overlooking the Otter Valley. Sarah focuses her mixed media and charcoal studies on tree and coastal rock formations. Ann works with acrylics and reclaimed materials exploring trees, landscape and maps. Cristina Ulander from Buckrell paints vibrant contemporary acrylics inspired by nature, while nearby in Weston, Jane Page and June Harvey also share a studio where Jane paints large scale contemporary oils depicting birds, horses and her passion for her beautiful garden which surrounds the studio. June specialises in brightly coloured pastels ranging from landscapes to interiors, still life and sometimes Jane's chickens. Kathy Ramsay Carr, an abstract painter, lives in Kerswell. Her oil paintings are of the coast and Dartmoor, much influenced by the elements and their effect in a moment on sea or landscape. Mike Hughes, exhibiting in Ottery St Mary, is inspired by nature, his artwork showing wildlife in its natural environment. Clare Schmidt Norris is a mixed media artist in Cullompton who combines photography, paint and perspex to create vibrant images of the landscape.

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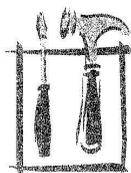
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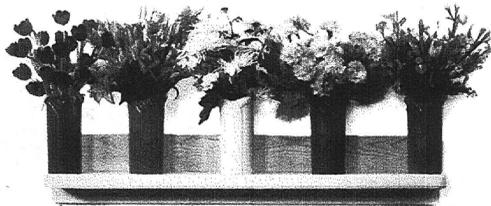
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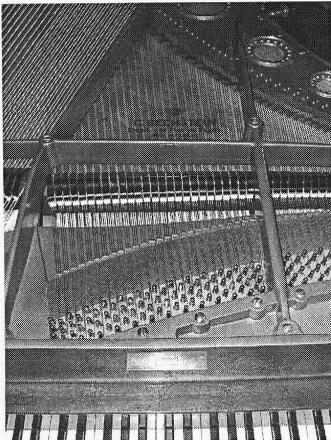
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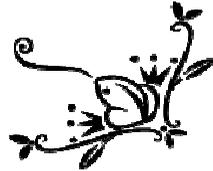
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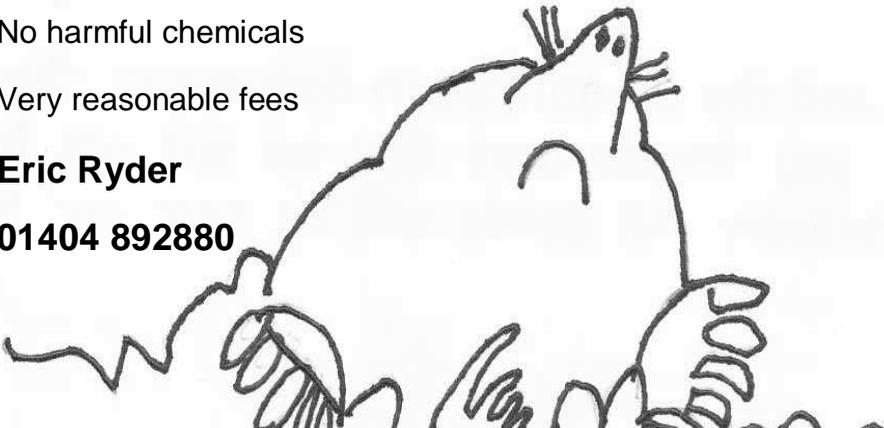
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**Peak oil is the point in time when the maximum rate of global petroleum extraction is reached, after which the rate of production enters terminal decline.**

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**Climbing up was easy. We learned to drive, learned to love it in fact, like the awful toad in 'Wind and the Willows'. Pretty nearly every single thing we use has oil in it or used oil to make it. But every finite thing has it's 'peak', not just oil, but minerals, uranium coal and gas, and from there the only way is down. So how do we get down? Some more established Transition groups are working on Energy Descent Action Plans, or EDAPs. Go to [totnesedap.org.uk](http://totnesedap.org.uk) to read about theirs. Clearly the challenges of energy descent will be many, but so will the solutions. It won't just be government policy, or grass roots movements, it won't be just education or corporate bandwagoning. It will have to each of us in what ever way we can, and the more we help each other the safer the descent will be. Like being stuck at the top of a ladder, don't fix on looking down just take one step at a time and before you know it you're there. One great first step used by Taunton Transition Town is their 'Transition Together' book. Based on the Totnes one but written for Somerset, it is a seven step programme to work through with a small group of neighbours or work colleagues to help reduce your carbon footprint and cost of living supporting [or in healthy competition!] with each other. If you are in the Taunton Deane area contact Chrissie Godfrey, [chrissie@visionjuice.com](mailto:chrissie@visionjuice.com) 01823 321731 for more information. Up here on the hills, BHT is trying to set up an apple day, with talk of planting community orchards and having good quality equipment to loan those who need to find something to do with all those apples.**

**Selina Mitford**

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\*The tune - Sonata No 2 for Violin and Piano, with apologies to Delius

# Dates for Diary

September 2nd	Friday market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm
September 4th	<b>Family Rounders and Tea</b> 2.30pm see page 11
September 6th	Parish Council, Village Hall, 8pm
September 7th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm
September 8th	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 12.30
September 9th	Friday market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm
September 14th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm
September 16th	Friday market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm
September 21st	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm
September 23rd	Friday market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm
September 26th	<b>Harvest Supper</b> , Village Hall, 7.30pm, see page 8
September 28th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm
September 30th	Friday market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm
September 30th	Michaelmas Quiz, Manor Rooms, Upottery, 8pm. To book a table, contact Philip on 891328.

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