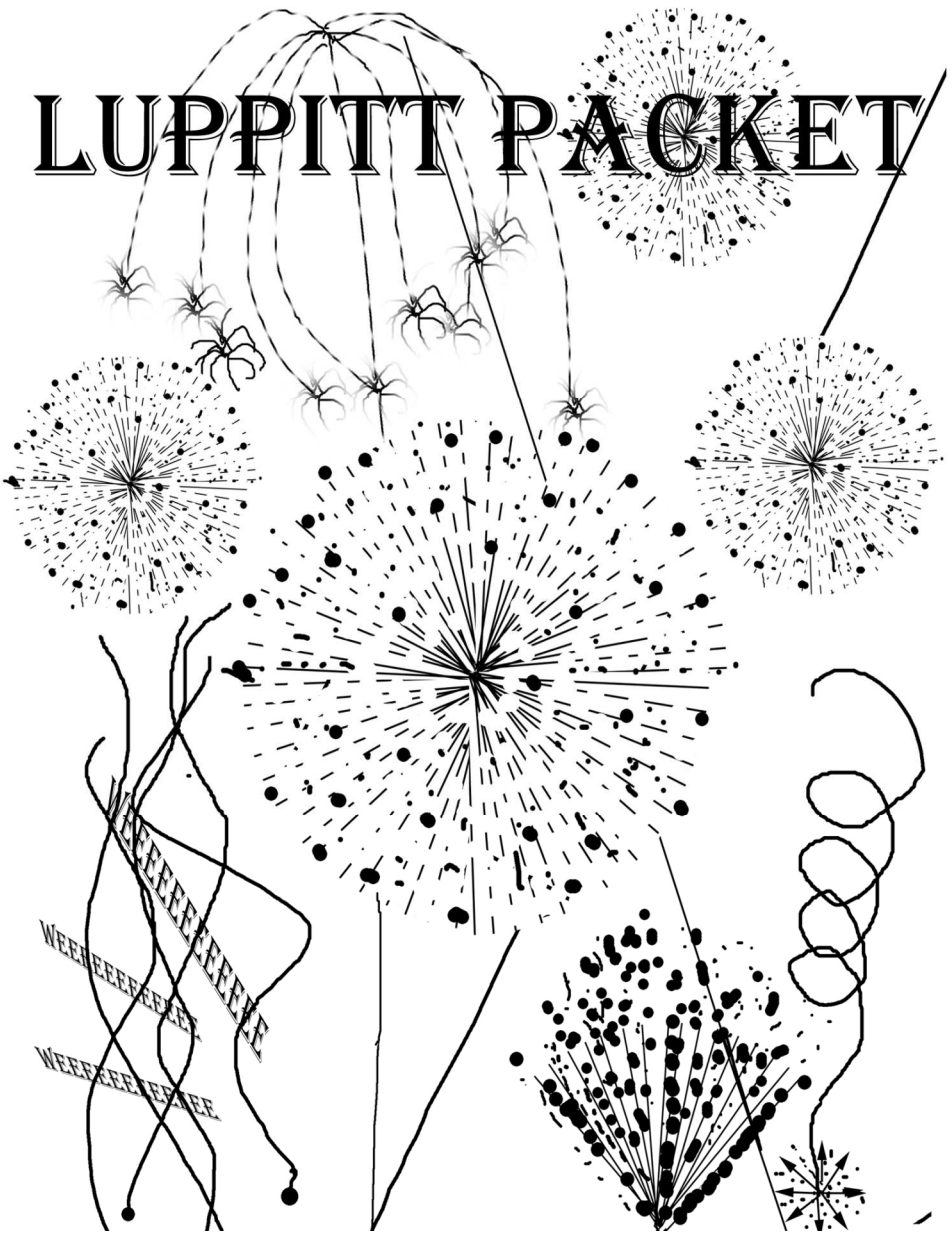


# LUPPITT PACKET



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*November 2012*

# USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Clerk: Mrs Tracy Bell 01823 681138

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Secretary: Mary Joyce 891328

Commoners: Secretary : Gavin Brake 892767

Footpaths : Kathy Crabb : 891662

Luppitt Wives: Mrs Jean Hooper: 892969

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Captain of Bellringers: Pearl Pulman 891324

Cricket Club: S Berry 891268

Luncheon Club: Jean Hooper 892969

Hartridge Buddhist Monastery: 891251

**Highway Faults** - online: [http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/roads/road\\_maintenance.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/roads/road_maintenance.htm) Alternatively, telephone 0845 155 1004 and give the fault information or email <[csc.roads@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk)>

**Police** - non urgent - **101**

## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Honiton Police: 08452 777444

Crimestoppers:: 0800 555111

Blackdown Practice:

Dunkeswell 891861

Blackdown Support Group:

(Hemyock) 01823 681036

Honiton Medical Centre : 548544

Honiton Hospital: 540540

Dev.Air Ambulance: 01392 466666

TRIP: 46529: community transport

C.A.B.: 44213

Honiton Library: 41212

E. Devon District Council:

01395 516551

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# Around the Parish



There is a new disease of trees for us to keep an eye out for. This time it is the ash tree. This new threat is the highly destructive Chalara dieback of ash trees, caused by the *Chalara fraxinea* fungus. To see pictures and learn what to look out for go to -

[www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara)

Many thanks to Joy Tofts for her moving poem on page 17.

About the Police and Crime Commissioner - There are eight candidates and their statements can be seen at

<http://www.policecrimecommissioner.co.uk/devonandcornwall>

Have a good month.

Lindsey Dalgety

## **Received via the Luppitt Website. Can you help?**

Hello

I wonder if anyone can help with information on the Elton family who lived at Sparrows Croft, Luppitt in the 1930's.

As well as being haulage contractors, John Elton and his wife (only known as Mrs A.S. Elton) ran people into Honiton on Saturdays calling at Week Cros Roads and Beacon. They used large motor cars including at various times a Packard and two Armstrong Siddeleys.

They also ran excursions to the Exeter Pantomime (fare three shillings and sixpence) and to events in nearby villages (fares one shilling or one shilling and sixpence)

If anyone has any recollections or knowledge of them or their service I would love to hear from them.

Roger Grimley

Old Post, Bigbury, Kingsbridge TQ7 4AP

Telephone 01548 810423 or e-mail <rgrimley@tiscali.co.uk>

# LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at 8pm.

The parish council wished to express their deepest sympathies to Carol and David Thome following the sad and untimely loss of Tayla Saunder.

**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)**

**12/1531/FUL Valley Heights** – permission granted for utility, garden room and car port extension.

**12/1490/FUL Lowmans Farm Beacon** - permission granted construction of agricultural livestock building

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

**12/1970/FUL Greenway Manor** – erection of timber deck and balustrading over existing folly, construction of new external staircase from garden and landscaping works to include infilling of existing and provision of new steps and retaining wall. COMMENTS: The parish council felt this application best dealt with by EDDC listed building department.

**It was noted** that since the last meeting there have been two copy letters from parishioners objecting to Otter Brewery site, and it was noted that the Blackdown Hills AONB have written a letter expressing some concerns over the landscape impact of the recent proposal for temporary storage and track, whilst the Campaign to Protect Rural England have written a letter in support of the application for a turning area and the temporary storage of tanks until they can be installed (the latter a separate application yet to be seen by the parish council)

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

**Update on reported items** – email from Paul Downes ‘With regards to Cole Hill Bridge, the reinstatement was carried out to support and prevent any erosion to the carriageway, the stone face being in accordance with The Environment Agency requirement to enhance the natural environment. At Pound Farm the work was commissioned as the edge of carriageway had been washed away during the recent storms, our primary objective being to provide support to the carriageway edge to restrict any movement. There is an existing drainage ditch at this location and running water was clearly present.’ Clerk to Thank highways. However we recognise the work was of excellent quality in both situations, but felt the work was over engineered when there were areas which could have benefited more urgently.

**Items to report:** Clerk to request that the road past Hillend to the common and Millrise to Corner House has the grass scraped from the centre of the carriageway and is swept again to remove the mud.

Ditch behind Council Houses – landowner has cleared the ends of the pipes with a digger and this should help the problem. This could be further

improved by installing an easement trap or other engineered route for the water to escape – it was agreed to look at the site when there is heavy rainfall, it may be possible to seek some grant funding to do the work as the water discharges onto the bridleway. Cllr Pulman to call Cllr Tucker when water is present.

Littleton to the Council Houses - drain under the road is blocked on the upper side and despite being reported by members of the public and the clerk, it still has not been cleared, there is threat of the road getting swept away and if it should freeze when it is flooded this would be a significant hazard.

School lane to Ringborough Cross - the road edges have disintegrated and are a safety hazard and Combeshead to Luppitt Common side of the road has been washed away, again this is significant and there are areas where the drop is 6+”.

**Lengthsman visit** – visits scheduled; 9th October and beginning of January. New scheme of two lengthsman per visit commencing in Luppitt CP 3 days Thu 15/11/12 - Mon 19/11/12. Gutter- Shaugh to Ford Bridge, Littleton to Council Houses drains need clearing to be added to the list.

#### **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

**Report** from P3 Co-ordinator – a member of the public has said fp14 is impassable as it is a bog, this is being diverted but there is little that can be done as this is a SSSI. This is open access land so the best path can be chosen when walking through. Fp1 has significant cow poaching after the wet weather and this needs rolling to avert a possible accident.

**Clerk received** an enquiry regards horse riders using public footpaths. It was respectfully asked that horses are ridden only on paths designated as Public Bridleway, not footpaths.

#### **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Community policing report** – one crime, purse taken at Hall event.

**EDDC Private Water testing** – the parish council asked Cllrs Diviani and Key about the proposed increase in risk assessment fee for testing of private supplies which supply commercial premises. It was felt very strongly that the new proposed charges were excessive and that an online application or better procedure could reduce the officer time and cost greatly. Cllrs David Barlow and Gavin Brake to attend the District Council Committee meeting the next evening to speak and make this point.

**Rural Connections Project** – was well received and clerk has had two phone calls of thanks – if parishioner would like a further event please contact the clerk with your ideas.

It was agreed Gavin Brake to represent the parish Council on the Village hall committee for the coming year.

#### **Dates for next meetings –**

8pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012

8pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Luppitt Village Hall  
Luppitt Village Hall



## BLACK AND WHITE?

By PS

This is my first ever attempt at writing an article, so please be gentle. Luppitt is a rural parish, with several people involved in agriculture, either directly or indirectly. My intention was therefore to write something of interest to them and hopefully others!

One seed of an idea came to me whilst at the Honiton Show, when I heard someone ask another -

**“Why do farmers like cows with big behinds?”**

The fact that it was clearly a bull, was completely missed.

This just highlighted to me the big gap in some people’s understandings of what goes on around them.

Instead of doing an article on animal selection though, I thought I would first do an issue which gets talked about a lot and has particular relevance to Luppitt at the moment.

That issue is **bovine tuberculosis**.

Have I bitten off too much?

I just think it’s sometimes better to air these subjects and not bury one’s head in the sand. It’s also better to have an opinion based on some facts and not purely emotions.

Firstly bovine (cattle) tuberculosis (TB for short) is a disease. Disease broken down means ‘not at ease’, and this is definitely the case with TB, whether it’s a cow or badger that has contracted it. These are the main species concerned, but not the only ones.

Primarily it is a bacterial infection affecting the lungs of the animal, but is often found in other areas of the body also.

It gets spread in tiny droplets in the animal’s breath, or via its urine, or faeces. This can be cattle to cattle, badger to badger or I’m afraid to say badger to cattle, or vice versa.

Is it right to cull badgers? Now there's a hot potato.

Is it right to continue to cull cows for bovine TB, whilst leaving alone the main wildlife carriers and potential sources of infection?

Personally I see the present situation to be similar to someone putting a pot on the floor to catch drips from a leaking roof, whilst making no effort to mend the roof. The pot becomes a bucket, then two buckets, until there are so many buckets you can't move.

A farmer shut down under TB restrictions has too many buckets.

Can you blame them for looking at the roof and wanting to at least try to do something? The government is effectively providing the buckets, whilst it's the farmers who have to place them and keep emptying them. So what? Some will say. However a lot of the TB tests are paid for by the taxpayer, as well as the compensation for the animals culled (which still go into the food chain) meaning those are expensive buckets, paid for by you.

It would also be fair to say that if a cow has caught TB, she is better off identified and removed, preventing her spreading it to her peers and making the situation worse. However would it also not be fairer for the badgers if they were treated the same, preventing the disease spreading from a single badger to the whole family unit.

Killing all badgers isn't right; they are our wildlife and have a rightful place. Killing cows left, right and centre isn't right either.

Nobody knows if these badger culls are the answer, but they are only experimental, so unless they are given a chance, nobody will know. Personally I would prefer a more targeted approach, rather than a blanket cull, but that's easier said than done.

A more accurate test for the disease in living animals would help the situation greatly. The development of vaccines would also be a big step in the right direction, but both of these could be several years away yet.

These trial culls should therefore be seen as a step in the right direction, because something needs to be done now, rather than just getting more and more buckets.

## LUPPITT WIVES

We had a good trip to King's Nurseries. Lots of pretty things and a delicious lunch. Well worth a visit.

Thursday November 15th at 8pm will be at Cuckoo Cottage, for some cooking and tasting.

Joan Beckett

(Someone requested a Luppitt parish Map. They are ready. Please phone 891308.)

**The Skittles Evening** will be at the Village Hall on November 3rd at 8pm.  
Please let Jean Hooper know—892969.

There will be COMPUTER TASTER sessions at New Barn Dairy Office.

The next session will be all about How to Google.

See the world from rural Luppitt!

Please contact Heather Plummer for more details or see the next Packet

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# Luppitt Packet COFFEE MORNING

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By kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Barlow

November 29th, 10.30 am - 12.30

Entry £1

Christmas starts here!

Coffee and Mince Pies!

Raffle

## **DUMPDON COMMONERS MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Dumpdon Commoners  
at The Luppitt Inn

On Wednesday, November 7th  
At 8pm.

All Dumpdon Commoners Welcome

# Andy Marks

Guitarist and instrumentalist

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at

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on Saturday Nov. 24th 2012

from 8.00pm

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## LUPPITT OVER 60'S LUNCHEON CLUB.

Thursday, November 8th

Glass of Sherry

Toad in the Hole

Seasonal vegetables

Potatoes

Syrup Pudding with Custard

Tea & Coffee

Raffle

£4-00

Jean Hooper

Tel - 01404 892 969

## Frightened of Spiders?

The other night J went to bed early but came down again quite soon. I thought she would ask for the TV sound to be turned down. (She needs quiet to be able to go to sleep. However, I have noticed she is able to drop off when I am relating a lengthy but thoroughly interestingly detailed anecdote.) Her return on this particular evening was not because of noise. She appeared quite breathless and alarmed, and reported that there was a 'huge' spider on the landing.

Probably not huge, I thought. I have seen largish spiders, notably a rather fierce-looking one in the desert of Iraq or maybe Syria a long time ago. A small pet cat, Kutchi, who had decided to adopt us, had cornered it. It was quite large, much bigger than any I'd seen before. As I did not know what it was I left it alone. The cat returned later.

The landing spider would of course just be an ordinary English one. Most just live with us, or come indoors by accident, or because they're fed up with the weather. This spider, I thought, would be Horace. I'd often seen him patrolling his zone of landing and bathroom. Being an amiable sort of bloke I don't kill spiders or other insects (yes, I know they're not) unless they are definitely harmful to health. Even as a child I was kind to them. I never kept one in a matchbox in my pocket.

Today I leave them to scuttle around in freedom as they do not bother me, and I do sometimes rescue them from sinks, basins and the bath. I just let them climb onto my fingers. This gives some people complete terrors and they shrink away to a place of safety. This gives me a huge sense of power, but I would never take advantage. (Or haven't yet.) I gently picked Horace up and put him out of the window into the cold wet night. Goodbye, I'm sorry, I hope you'll be alright.

Some spiders are not quite so amenable as Horace. Our son in southern California recently sent me pictures of some black widow spiders in his house and garden. He did have a tarantula as a pet for a while. She was a big spider, hand-sized but perfectly quiet and docile. Black widows are venomous; the venom is 15 times more potent than that of a rattlesnake, but humans are not severely harmed as only a tiny quantity of venom is injected. The reason for the name is that the spider is mostly black with some red on the upper abdomen, and because the female sometimes eats the male after mating.

Some Australian spiders are particularly venomous; the bite of the funnel-web is fatal unless medical help is available. Of course none of our English spiders are nasty, are they? I was thinking about this in bed one night and resolved that next day I would look them up my big Boy's Book of Animals.

Incidentally, I have several such largish reference books. They do not actually have real titles like BBofA, of course. However, when we are wondering about some topic or other I am asked "Why don't you look it up in your Boy's Book of Everything?" This amuses some people, but I think it is a jibe and I ignore it.

Now back to the spiders. Many are capable of giving a bite which can be painful, but native species are generally harmless. However, these have been augmented by foreign species accompanying visiting humans, like Roman and Viking invaders, and in ship cargoes such as sacks and crates, and today in containers.

In 1897 the false black widow spider (*steatoda nobilis*), arrived here in Devon and has since slowly spread over the whole of southern England. Biting incidents have increased in the last 30 years. A Natural History Museum spokesman said that these spider numbers "have rocketed into the hundreds of thousands". He put this down to milder winters due to global warming. However, like many creatures (including black bears, mountain lions and rattlesnakes) they are generally reluctant to attack unless threatened. The venom is less effective than that of the true black widow but is still said to be very painful.

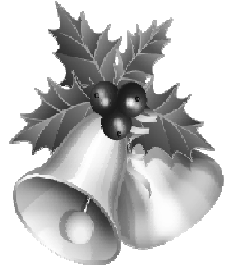
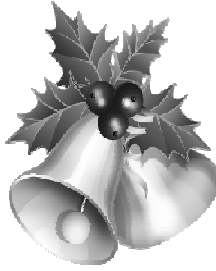
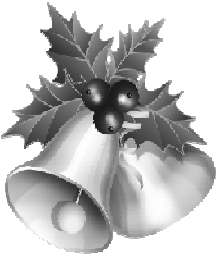
Another recent immigrant is the Mediterranean tube-web spider. This has also spread northwards from southern England. If threatened it will adopt an attacking posture with front legs raised and fangs bared. It can then jump forwards to bite.

Spiders are in our folk lore. Little Miss Muffet ran away. Robert the Bruce was inspired. Should you be frightened?

Logically, no. Ordinary familiar household spiders are not going to hurt you. If you find one that is unusual or unfamiliar, leave it alone or capture it carefully for specialist identification.

And watch out when you're next to the bananas in Tesco.

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# **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**8pm til late, free entry**

**all welcome!!**

**Luppitt Village Hall**

***Bar... music... supper (bring and share)***

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HALL.....**

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**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

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**TEL 892969**

**DOORS 7.30 pm QUIZ WILL START 8pm PROMPT**

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Luppitt Children's **Christmas Party**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

4.30 to 6.30pm

Disco

Father Christmas will be visiting

Please RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> November

Mandy 01404 44783

mandyrileydevon@gmail.com



# GARDEN JOTTINGS

by D.Street

Our multiple capacity live mouse trap has been coming in very handy recently. I was showing it to Eric Clapp the other day. Remembering it last month must have been prophetic.

Lately there's been much rustling and scrabbling in the loft of an evening, it's been quite disturbing. The little beggars go up there to eat the pipe insulation that plumbers leave around for them. The pipe research industry must have spent a lot of time and a lot of brainpower on finding such mouse palatable insulation.

The day after we put the trap up there was not just one mouse in it or even two; there were four or possibly five of them, jostling and milling about in a state of merry excitement. It was Leo's car park at the height of the grockle season.

"Oh, hello, Timothy, you in here too, are you? Nice place really. Menu's not bad either. Just a bit cramped. Only thing is, I can't find the way out. Just have a look round and see if you can spot it. Oh, my god, if it's not Bennyboy! And Pollyanne too. And who's that over there? It really is getting a bit crowded now. Anyway it's warm and dry, with the new roof Pulman Builders put in the other week."

In the morning there they all were - bright eyes, round ears, long tails - so much scurrying about you couldn't count them. I let them out several fields away. Most of them shot off in one direction. One dithered for a while and set off the other way. Just how far they naturally roam I have no idea, but I am hoping they won't come back. We're still getting some of their friends, hopefully their friends.

Autumn, the season mice seem to come in from the fields to find winter quarters, is traditionally the time for planting new fruit trees. Of course nowadays with so many container grown trees available it is not so essential to do the job at this time of the year. Any time is possible, especially if it is not too dry. 2012 would have done very well.

There are also many new fruits nowadays, and new varieties of old favourites. I've been looking at Pomona Fruits autumn catalogue (with 10 % off selected items, if you hurry).

They list several blueberries for instance. I'm sure you'd like to make a Blueberry Pie, like our friends across the pond. What caught my attention



was a pink blueberry, actually called a Pinkberry, with the special name of Pink Lemonade. So how about a pinkberry pie? Just think of it. You could have a pinkberry pie party.

There's a honeyberry (a sort of honeysuckle), the aronia berry, and the goji berry, (very hardy, but how do you get it to fruit?) Then there's the jostaberry - half blackcurrant, half gooseberry. There're red currants, white currants and pink currants too.

Lots of apples, including some that are pink throughout. You can buy a piece of Isaac Newton's apple tree. Hard hat apparently not supplied. There are plenty of pears and plums and cherries. There's the Pluot - half apricot and half plum. There are damsons and greengages. A squashed looking nectarine called Suzee King. There are mulberries, quinces, medlars, figs and an elder berry called Black Lace, and plenty nuts of different sorts.

Exciting stuff. So do mention on your order form who pointed you to Pomona Fruits. They might just send me a complimentary banana tree.

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by candle light

24th November 7.30 pm

with refreshments

A programme centred around

Antonio Vivaldi's

glorious and greatly loved tour de force for violin with

**Warwick Lydiate, violin**

Seasonal songs from

**Lorna Anderson - soprano**

**Peter Evans - Tenor**

and readings from

**THE SHEPHERD'S CALENDAR**

**BY JOHN CLARE FROM**

**PENELOPE LEE**

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**In aid of Church Fabric fund**

## An Angel for a Hero

I'm sending my Angel to watch over you.  
I've asked him to comfort and help see you through.  
To stand between you and the enemy's gun  
And to keep you from harm 'till the fighting is done.

I'm sending my Angel to give you a light,  
To brighten your path in the darkest of nights.  
To safeguard each footstep from stumbling and falling  
And keep your star shining until it be morning.

I'm sending my Angel to walk by your side.  
To fill you with courage, with faith, and with pride.  
Allow him to lead you, each footstep respond,  
Through the mud and the blood to the green fields beyond.

Joy Tofts

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

		arrive	depart
November 7th	Village Hall	11:15	11:45
November 21st	Village Hall	11:15	11:45





### Forthcoming Services at St Mary's

- Sunday 4 November 9:30 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion \*
- Sunday 11 November 11:00 am Remembrance Day Family Service †
- Sunday 18 November 11:00 am Common Worship Holy Communion †
- Sunday 25 November 11:00 am Morning Prayer ‡
- Sunday 2 December 9:30 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion \*

(\* Revd Alfred Conway † Brig Nigel Speller ‡ Mr John White officiating)

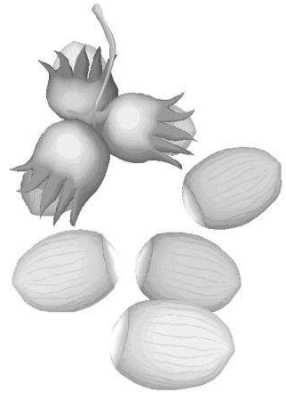
### Other Services in the Mission Community

	St Andrew's Broadhembury	St Nicholas' Dunkeswell	St James the Greater Sheldon	St Mary the Virgin Upottery
Sunday 4 November	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Morning Prayer	11:00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 11 November	10:50 am Remembrance Service	10:50 am Remembrance Service	9:30 am Remembrance Day Service	11:00 am Remembrance Service
Sunday 18 November	9:30 am Holy Communion	9:30 am (Abbey) Holy Communion 11:00am Morning Prayer	9:30 am Holy Communion	8:00 am BCP Holy Communion 11:00 am Matins
Sunday 25 November	9:30 am Morning Praise	11:00 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 2 December	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Morning Prayer	11:00 am Morning Prayer
every Wednesday				9:00 am Morning Prayer

## Church cleaning and flower rota

- 3 November Iris Selway & Mary Joyce  
10 November Christine Page-Turner & Olive Clapp  
17 November Shirley Crabb & Beryl Hardwick  
24 November Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts  
1 December Ann Arbuthnott & Lesley Rogan

*If you would like to help with the cleaning or flowers, please contact Pearl on 891324.*



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Dunkeswell Mission Community



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Devon EX14 4RE  
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Dear All

First I have to say what a memorable service we had in Exeter Cathedral to say 'Goodbye' to Bishop Bob, Bishop of Crediton, on Saturday (October 6th) - he has been a much loved and respected Bishop who was truly admired by everyone who met him. Farewell Bob - and welcome Bishop Nick McKinne! Please pray for Nick and his family as they undertake this new and exacting role within the church, especially following in the steps of Bishop Bob.

When I look at the list of services I have to prepare for in November, the first word that comes into my mind is 'Remembrance'. In the Church calendar All Saints Day (November 1st) is when we remember all those heroes/heroines of the faith, whose lives have inspired others, and the promise which has been fulfilled in Christ with all the saints in heaven, united with us in faith and love for our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Then we have All Souls Day (November 2nd) when we remember our loved ones who have died and are at rest with our Lord, and who now live in that heavenly realm with all the saints. (We will be doing just this on the afternoon of October 28th in Throgmorton Hall when we have our united Mission Community Service in Memory of Loved Ones.)

Then we have Remembrance Day & Remembrance Sunday (November 11th) when we remember those who have given their lives in defence of this country in two world wars, and also we are asked to remember those who have given their lives for their country in war and fighting since.

What is it that we are doing when we remember?

I suggest that we are calling to mind people and events that have taken place, and that we are giving thanks for those who have fulfilled their lives in one way or another. The saints are remembered for their faithfulness to God and Christ, the souls of the departed because we loved and still love them all, and on Remembrance Sunday we recall the unselfish acts of men and women who died in war and conflicts around the world, so that many could have their freedom. I was always taught that the Jews believe that they will live only while God remembers them - and so they keep a perpetual memory in families who bring people's names before God, as if to remind Him.

I do not think God needs to be reminded - but I do believe it is important for us to be reminded! Reminded that God's only son, Jesus, died on a cross that we might know His love for all His world and those who inhabit it: a love that we are reminded will continue forever, even beyond what we understand, and which we call death. We are reminded in Jesus' Resurrection that eternal life is for all who love and have faith in God who is Father, who is Son and who is Holy Spirit.

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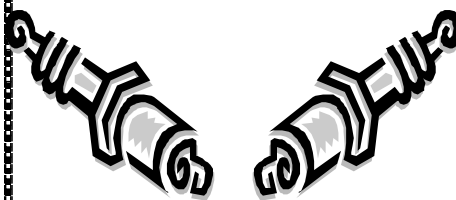
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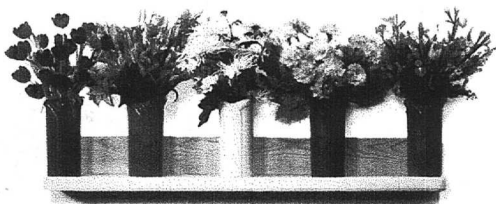
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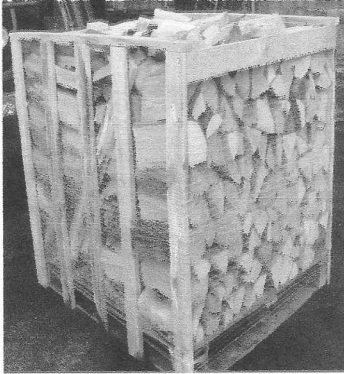
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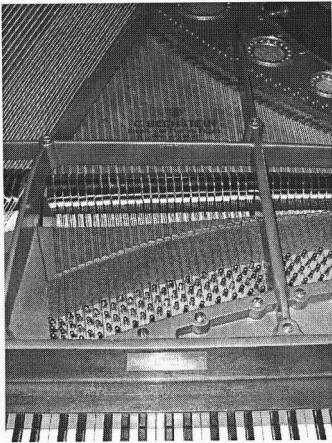
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I came to think about Transition on a long walk in 2007, the Camino De Santiago pilgrimage route from St Juan Pierre du Port in France to Santiago de Compostella Galicia Spain. As my job only allowed me 2 weeks off at any one time, Lesley and I started at a place called Ponferrada. London and my work had finally begun to lose their appeal, too busy, too stressful, too noisy, too acquisitive, too competitive. I needed to think about what to do in the next phase of my life after success in work etc and for it to have more meaning.

The pilgrimage was a delightful surprise, walking 20 odd kilometres every day for 2 weeks gives you a lot of time to think. It was also a great leveller. A place to meet all sorts of interesting people of all ages and nations and when you got talking to them properly found out they too were seekers. I loved gardening and growing fruit and veg and I just needed the courage to stop what I was doing, trust that everything would be OK and go for it. It took us 2 years to get the right place and in 2009 we found ourselves in the Blackdown Hills.

What does Transition mean to me, well it's been that big transition from city and desk job to finding a simpler way to live. We bought a farmhouse already converted for energy efficiency and further invested in alternative energy. We transferred our organic ways of growing. The most important thing however has been our delight at finding the resilience of local Blackdown Hills communities and making new friends.

We are all having to respond to change, some of us have got together to support each other and promote community resilience to the threat of energy

depletion and climate change. The Transition Movement is now expanding world wide but fundamentally it's about each of us doing our own little bit. If I can change, to be honest anybody can.

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Thanks to all of you who came to our Apple Days in October. It was great to meet new people, and catch up with old friends over a hot mulled apple juice whilst those of you lucky enough to have apples this year crushed and pressed and bottled. Remember the BHT press and crusher will soon be available to you to press your own fruit for a very reasonable fee; contact us via the website [www.blackdownhillstransition.org](http://www.blackdownhillstransition.org)

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November 7th, 14th, 21st &28th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm
November 3rd	Wives Skittles, Village Hall, 8pm
November 6th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
November 8th	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 12.30
November 9th	Private Party, Village Hall, 8pm-1am
November 10th	Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30 prompt for 8pm start see p 13
November 15th	Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner Election, Village Hall, 7am-10pm
November 24th	Evening Event, Village Hall, 8pm, details from Mrs B Thorne, 891412 see page 8
November 29th	LUPPITT PACKET CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, Whitehall Farm, 10.30-12.30. see p7

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