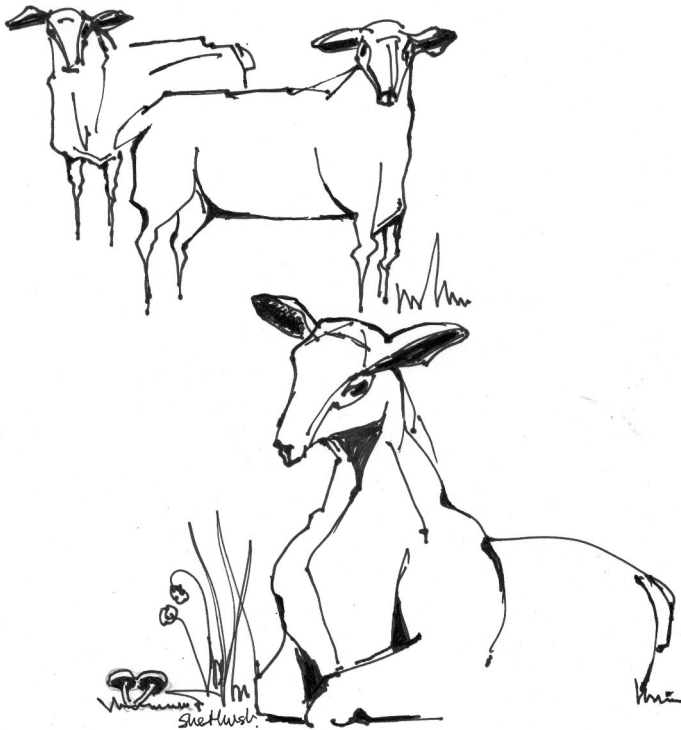


LUPPITT PACKET



October 2019

THE LUPPITT PACKET

Whew! We got our first issue out on time. Now we want to improve on it and we thought you ought to understand our policies.

- This is a community magazine covering not only events but features of local interest. We would love to receive contributions from you so that we can achieve an interesting mix.
- We aim to be sustainable both in environmental and economic terms. This means shorter articles and smaller adverts.
- Community adverts will be free and we aim to present them in a quarter page format.
- Adverts are essential to cover costs, but we don't want them to dominate the publication.
- The editors' decisions will be final. We will listen and respond to helpful criticism.

Claire Stevens & Nigel Hurst

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Community:	¼ page free for non-commercial advert

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WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER

Tue 1 st	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Thu 3 rd	Church Car Park Weeding afternoon from 2pm
Sun 6 th	Blackdown Hills Apple Days 12-4pm Holman Clavel Pub
Wed 9 th	Wednesday Club 2pm Churchinford Village Hall
Sun 13 th	Blackdown Hills Apple Days 12-4pm Upottery Playing Field
Wed 16 th	U3A talk 1.30 for 2pm The Beehive, Honiton
Thu 17 th	Luppitt Wives Craft Evening 8pm Village Hall Games Room
Fri 18 th	Autumn Bingo 7 for 7.30pm Village Hall
Wed 23 rd	Wednesday Club 2pm Churchinford Village Hall
Sat 26 th	Blackdown Hills Apple Days 11-5pm Stentwood Farm
Tue 29 th	Commoners AGM 8pm Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls	Mondays, 7.30pm 7 th , 14 th , 21 st
Social Club	Wednesdays 8pm 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Yoga	Wednesdays 7-8.15pm 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Barnfield	Thursdays 9.30am-4pm 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st
Coffee Morning	Fridays 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 8 th November	Luppitt Quiz Night 7.30 for 8pm
Sat 14 th December	Luppitt Christmas Party 7.30 for 8pm, till late

LUPPITT ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

We are always open to new ideas and welcome any offers of help.
Contact Pat Bussey 892720, or email pat.bussey27@gmail.com.
Follow us on Facebook at Luppitt Events

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Secretary Jean Hooper 892969

AN INVITATION FROM THE EDITORS

The editors wish to encourage Luppitt residents to contribute interesting "Luppitt" material for publication in the Packet. Topics might include memories of Luppitt past, local history, anecdotes, natural history, farming and small holding matters, food, short stories – the possibilities are endless. Three hundred words is ideal and would fit half a page. So please don't be shy, help make the Packet fun for our readers.

Church Car Park

Come and weed!

Thursday 3 October

from 2pm

Can you spare an hour or two to help me weed the Church car park and help avoid the use of chemical weed killers? Bring your own gardening tools and a kneeling pad. Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided. Contact Sara on 891140

BLACKDOWN HILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

October 9th: Beetle Drive
October 23rd, Ray Budd
Churchinford Village Hall

Doors open at 2pm for 2.30pm
Afternoon meetings end with a tea.
Members £2 and visitors £3.

Helpers needed please
Sally 01823 602882

Bags2School

Upton Primary School PTFA wants good quality clothes, paired shoes, household linen etc

Wednesday 6th November
Bags2School will pay PTFA for the amount, by weight

Please note they do not accept:

Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please bring in a black bag
Tracey on 07970 242370



Autumn Bingo

For all the Family

Luppitt Village Hall

Friday 18th October

Including Bar and Raffle

Doors Open 7.00

Eyes Down 7.30

Blackdown Hills Transition

presents
October Apple Days
apple pressing, pasteurizing and refreshments at all venues

Holman Clavel Public House
Sunday, 6th October 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Culmhead, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 7EA
Neil Arnold 07799133473
email: neil.j.arnold@gmail.com

Upton Primary School
Sunday 13th October, 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Glebe Park, Aller Road, Upton, EX14 9RH
Jim Rogan 07793067953
email: jrogan@btinternet.com

Stentwood Farm
Saturday 26th October 11am-5pm
Stentwood Farm, Dunkswell, EX14 4RW
The Community at Stentwood Farm 01823 681155
The Stentwood Farm Tea Room will also be open.

Free Admission
You are all invited to bring your own hampfuls, bagfuls and bucketfuls of apples.
(We will try to make apples available for those who don't have their own)

Parking available at all sites, but please car share if possible.
For details about accessibility please phone the organiser

See You There!

www.blackdownhillstransition.net

St Mary's Church

warmly invites you to

Morning Coffee with the Rector

Wednesday 2 October
from 10.30 am at the Church

Everyone is most welcome

Luppitt Christmas Party

Village Hall

**Saturday 14th December
7:30 for 8pm**

Three Course Meal
with Disco

Bar and Raffle

Tickets £20 per head

From Shirley Crabb:
01404 891235

by 8th December

Places are not confirmed
until tickets are paid for

Tables will be for 8 people, but
we will reserve
neighbouring tables for larger
groups to sit together.

LUPPITT WIVES

Thursday 17th October, 8pm

Village Hall Games Room

A CRAFT EVENING WITH SUE

For information
please call Joan 01404 891308

Quiz Night

**Luppitt Village Hall
Friday 8th November,
7:30 for 8:00pm**

Bar and Raffle

Teams of 6

Names to Pat Bussey

01404 892720

Or email

pat.bussey27@gmail.com

by 5th November please

£5 per head, includes supper



U3A member **Stewart Raine** talk
**'You can do a lot of things
at The Seaside'**

Wednesday 16th October

The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton
Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start

Members Free and Visitors are
welcome (Suggested donation £2.00)

For information ring: 01404 598008
OR visit <http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>

THANK YOU

THE ‘SUMMER MADNESS REVIVED’ organising committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way in making this a most successful and enjoyable evening. Such an event involves a lot of organisation and hard work, but great teamwork from many willing volunteers ensured that everything was set up and ran smoothly. Even the weather obliged, providing us with the perfect evening!

Thank you to everyone who came – we hope you all had a good time and are looking forward to the next Madness.

RIDE & STRIDE We had a wonderful day on Saturday 14th September. When England does it well, it does it really well, and we spent five hours driving around the stunning Devonshire countryside in glorious sunshine. Every churchyard was full of birdsong, insects and peace. One had set aside a large section and left it to go wild over the summer months to help the insects and wildlife.

One of the highlights for us was the discovery of rood screens particular to Devon, which are known as Devonshire Fan rood screens. At the top of each pillar is a striated carved fan, and some were painted in spectacular detail. One was painted in red, white and blue lozenges, and several others were gilded. The churches visited were Luppitt, Upottery, Dunkeswell, Sheldon, Broadhembury, Plymtree, Talaton, Clyst Hydon, Clyst St Lawrence, Ottery St Mary, Feniton, Honiton, Offwell, and Combe Raleigh.

We managed to get back to John and Mary Hill’s home, Colehill Farm, in time for Pies and Puds, and a glass of cool Otter Ale – a perfect end to the day. The amount raised to date is £424 for St Mary’s Church. A big thank you to all our sponsors.
Danek and Sue Piechowiak

PIES & PUDS The Pies & Puds day out at Colehill Farm, the home of Mary and John Hill, was a great success. There were 6 or 7 different flavours of savoury pies, all delicious, and marvellous puddings. A September Indian Summer meant everyone was able to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful courtyard setting.

The event raised 465.40 for St Mary’s Church. Thank you Mary and John for your generous hospitality.

CLOSURE OF LUPPITT COMMONS TO PUBLIC ACCESS			14 Nov	26 Dec	30 Jan
			21 Nov		01 Feb
Notification of Discretionary “28 Day” Restriction under the CROW Act 2000 Please note that the Commons (Hense Moor, Hartridge, Luppitt Common) are <u>CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS</u> on			These closures are to permit rough shooting to take place over these Commons Further information about open access land can be found on the following Natural England website; www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess		
2019	2019	2020	Kevin Lockyer Trustee and Honorary Secretary, Luppitt Commons Trustees Committee		
17 Oct	28 Nov	02 Jan			
24 Oct	05 Dec	09 Jan			
31 Oct	12 Dec	16 Jan			
7 Nov	19 Dec	23 Jan			

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall, on Tuesday, 3 September 2019 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chairman), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, Michele Turner, David Key (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

Receive apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr John Thorne

Minutes of previous meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6 August 2019, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Pulman).

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Item 5.2 on the Agenda (Luppitt Packet) was brought forward and the meeting was then closed to allow a member of the public to speak.

Nigel Hurst came to speak to the Parish Council about the Luppitt Packet that he and Claire Stevens have kindly agreed to collate and edit. The September issue comprises the months of July and August and they had had a very short time to familiarise themselves with new software and sorting out all the material to be used for the issue. They would welcome constructive comments and more articles from residents that reflect life in Luppitt parish. Cllr Ryder felt it would be a good idea to explain this to the readers in the next issue and Nigel said they would be doing that. He and Claire felt that it was important that the Luppitt Packet was sustainable. It was appreciated that the September issue was a difficult one to start with. The Parish Council was grateful to Nigel and Claire for enabling the Luppitt Packet to continue as it is such an important form of communication within the parish.

Councillor profiles: The Parish Councillors agreed to send the clerk a few lines about themselves and, if possible, a photograph to be uploaded to the website.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection): None

Decisions

19/1463/FUL – The Old Vicarage, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4RY – proposed new sewage treatment plant – this application has been approved.

Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk had received an email from Roger Hicks clarifying his plans regarding the Steering Group. Roger is making good progress on the amendments agreed at the Steering Group meeting in May and is planning to deliver the final draft, complete with appendices, plans, etc, by the end of the year. He is then intending to stand down as chairman and leave the Steering Group.

Neighbourhood Plan website

Cllr Turner had been advised by her website provider that the Neighbourhood Plan website had been hacked. Cllr Turner has undertaken to rebuild the website from scratch. She was confident in the security of the website provider. Unfortunately, it was one of those things that can happen from time to time although it was difficult to understand why anyone should want to hack into Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan website!

Landscape Character Assessment (final report)

The clerk had forwarded a copy of the final report to the Parish Councillors. It was felt that it was a good document and would be useful in the future as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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Item Reported	Action	Comments from Highways
HIGHWAYS	Report all items to NHO csc.roads@devon.gov.uk	
Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross	W191251517/8	Inspected 20.08.19 – comment: repeat defect at this location – see note below
Pothole by Little Shelvin	W191251522	The pothole does not meet Highways' minimum requirements so the clerk will remove it from the list.

Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross

There was a long discussion about this stretch of road which, although in the parish of Combe Raleigh, is probably used much more regularly by Luppitt residents. Cllr Chubb said that Combe Raleigh's chairman frequently draws his attention to the state of the road. A lot of the problem stems from water that runs off adjacent fields but Cllr Tucker pointed out that this in itself isn't the main cause of the problem. Over the years, the ditch has been covered with tarmac and so there is nowhere for the water to run and it sits on the road causing more damage. Cllr Chubb undertook to follow this up with one of the Neighbourhood Highways Officers.

Parish Maintenance

The clerk will follow up correspondence she had last year with Devon Highways over lengthsman's work. There had been a suggestion that Devon Highways would be amenable to paying to Luppitt Parish Council the cost of the lengthsman's visits and the Parish Council would then arrange for the work to be carried out. However, there was some doubt as to whether the lengthsman scheme has continued this year. Cllr Chubb offered to make enquiries to see what he can find out. Cllr Chubb suggested that the Parish Council might like to make contact with Streetscene to see what services the parish is entitled to receive.

Salt and sandbag requirements

Cllr Tucker felt we have sufficient supplies at the moment providing that Highways fill the grit bins as they have done in previous years. The clerk will follow up.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS: Cllr Nancarrow had nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing report PCSO Darren England had emailed, apologising for the lack of contact over the past few months. This would hopefully improve as staffing levels have increased. From 01.06.2019 to 31.08.2019 there were 4 recorded crimes – 1 violence with injury; 2 violence without injury; 1 theft.

Community Emergency Plan

The clerk has received various emails regarding Community Emergency Plans. Gavin Brake had produced an extensive and detailed document in 2009. The clerk had contacted Dave Whelan at EDDC who is dealing with the local Emergency Plans and has also compared the template on Devon Communities website. There does not seem to be much, if any, difference in the format. The clerk will update the information. It was not felt there was any particular urgency over this.

Children's Air Ambulance: An email regarding the siting of a textile bank in the parish was discussed. There was some doubt expressed over whether it would be used much as it was likely that there would be similar textile banks in Dunkeswell and Honiton.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Quarterly check – internal financial control

Cllr Ryder has checked the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended June 2019 and confirmed that all is correct.

Walden Bequest The clerk has found some relevant papers in the filing cabinet in the Committee Room. Cllr Pulman and the treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee also have papers. They will all meet shortly to discuss.

Correspondence

An email from Dave Whelan regarding the Honiton Local Action Group was noted.

An email from EDDC regarding a Neighbourhood Planning Seminar to be held in October was noted. Cllr Ryder said it was a repeat of one she had already attended.

A letter of thanks from TRIP for the Parish Council's donation towards the new vehicle was read out.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Insurance: The clerk had received a response from the insurers about a query raised during the internal audit about the standard contract cover not being operative. The Parish Council does not at the moment enter into any sort of formal contract and so it was felt that there is sufficient cover in place. This would be reviewed if the situation changes in the future.

Apple Pressing: Cllr Ryder wondered if there would be any interest in the parish in an apple pressing day. Cllr Nancarrow would be happy to lend some apple pressing equipment. Cllr Ryder will make more enquiries.

Pod at Franklyns Farm: Cllr Pulman said he had been asked about the situation regarding the pod at Franklyns Farm. It was thought that this has been sold and was awaiting removal. The clerk will follow up.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

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

Tuesday, 1 October, Tuesday, 5 November Tuesday, 3 December 2019

A VEGETARIAN RECIPE

Beetroot, red onion and goat's cheese tart

Olive oil	1 large red onion, sliced thinly	1 tablespoon honey
1 egg	1 large sheet ready-made puff pastry	
50g pine nuts	4 large cooked beetroot, diced	150g goat's cheese or feta

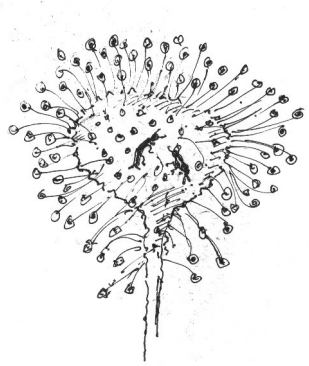
Heat olive oil in a pan. Add onion, cook until soft. Add honey. Continue to cook until the onion takes on a caramelized appearance. Pre-heat oven 200 degrees C/400 F/ Gas mark 6. Roll out the pastry. Place a large plate on top and cut round it to make a 25cm diameter circle. Score a smaller circle about 1.5 cms inside the edge, without cutting all the way through. Prick with a fork, leaving the rim intact. Brush the rim with beaten egg. Put the pastry on a baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until golden. Allow to cool slightly before gently pushing down the inner circle to form the rim. Fill the hole with the onions up to the edge. Sprinkle the diced beetroot over the onion layer, crumble the cheese over the top and the pine nuts. Return to the oven for around 10 minutes, or until the cheese is golden brown around the edges. Serve immediately.

(From recipe by Dale Pinnock) *Jacki Street*

HENSE MOOR MEMORIES

Memories of Charles Ellis, retracing his journey to Hense Moor after fifty years, in search of rare insectivorous plants.

In the summer of 1967 on a field trip with the 'A' level botany class from Taunton School, where I was a boarder, I came to Hense Moor to study the plants to be found in this unusual site. Recently, as I was in the area visiting friends near Ilminster, I decided to return to see if the plants I found were still there and whether the bog had changed. So this is how I came to be in Luppitt.



1967: Taunton School is now co-ed. but back then it was all boys, and coincidentally, or not, there was on the same day a party of girls from either Bishop Foxes or Weirfield School there, I hadn't spoken to a girl for weeks. But that is another story.

It was an absolutely magical day, the weather was sunny, I was out of school, the company was to my liking, I was even fascinated by the plants. It was the insectivorous plants, the Sundews which made an impression on me. We found all three native species: *Drosera rotundifolia*, *D. Intermedia*, and *D. longifolia*. It was such a memorable day that, now fifty and more years later, with time at last to indulge a whim, I decided to try and find the site again.

2019: A lady with the Exmoor National Park had kindly given me a grid ref. and a post code and I had a vague memory of the site I had visited. However driving round the narrow lanes, I got a bit lost. Which was how I came to meet Robin and Vanessa Nancarrow. Robin probably thought I was a bit of a nutter, but he generously didn't say so, and kindly gave me directions to Overday Farm and the site is opposite.

I found it and parked. The place I remembered was overgrown with bracken, brambles, and hazel and birch scrub. What I was looking for, was an open hillside covered with sedges, cotton grass, sphagnum moss, and loads of marvellous bog plants. So I had to search it bit more. I found Hense Moor House and the gentleman there warned me about disappearing without trace. Then I discovered another house, possibly White's Plot, where I was given clear instructions, from there to take the footpath down through the trees, over the footbridge, up through the trees the other side, and to keep left.

The scrub thinned out, and indeed I found an area with the habitat similar to what I was expecting, and best of all, I found all three native species of Sundew. It was gratifying to know that such a special place had not been lost and was still there after half a century.

My sincere thanks to everybody who helped me in my little expedition.

Charles Ellis

GARDEN JOTTINGS

James Woodforde, parson in Somerset and later in Norfolk, left a diary. He records the day to day details of his private and family life. How well he slept, what he ate, who he talked to, how much he paid, what sort of weather he was having. On the 20th of October 1796, he gathered in his keeping apples. Jacki and I will probably be doing this rather earlier, before a wayward hurricane blow them off. James Woodforde didn't have many Nonpareils or Pearmans, but he did have a lot of large Russets, and seven bushel baskets of Norfolk Beefans. I'm not certain just what ours are, but there are quite a lot, especially high up.

That day James's gardener turned up to trim his fig trees and vines. The weather was cool. October 15th however was hot and stormy. That day he gave John Tally a shilling for some mushrooms he'd delivered. Here at Catkins the recent rain has brought some large mushrooms. They look very appetising, but are they just toadstools? James Woodforde had had a bad night with the heat and rain. He dreamt he'd taken out three of his teeth, and his sister had taken out two of hers. This disaster I cannot match.

Another October day James spent all morning in his garden making new strawberry beds. It was a fine anticyclonic day with a morning frost. He sent his man to his niece with some figs and a melon. Could he have grown this under glass in the 1790s?

I don't think I'd be preparing a new strawberry bed quite as late in the season. I have however been resetting and thinning out my crocosmias, often called montbretias.

They have been spreading too much, and the wind has blown them over. They're quite tall too, a fiery red in July. Lucifer I think they're called. A hybrid developed by Blooms of Bressingham in the sixties. After the severe January of 1963, with the ground frozen the whole month, people realised some crocosmias were hardier than they thought. Books still claim they are doubtfully hardy. One book suggests potting up and keeping in a green house over winter as a precaution. The RHS Plantfinder lists columns of crocosmias - some no doubt hardier than others. Plant breeders seem taken by the species. They are useful blooms for flower arrangers. Myself I have never had any trouble with them. They seem to come up like weeds. They spring up everywhere. The more you pull them up, the more there seem to be.

Lucifer is a strong growing plant. Under ground it grows a pile of what look like annual flat corms on top of each other. I don't split them, but replant as they are.

The best time to reset or propagate is a moot point. I like to do them soon after flowering in early autumn. New growth is taking place for the following year's flowers, and the soil is still warm. I did propagate some in March for the village Flower Festival several years ago. They seemed to flower well later in July that year. I expect I kept them in the poly over winter. Whether James Woodforde grew any crocosmias in his garden is something

I do not know, nor do I know what part of the world they are native to. I'd be surprised if they were not known to gardeners by the late seventeen hundreds.

David Street

AN EXCITING NIGHT AT THE LUPPITT INN

The other evening I slipped out for a crafty pint at the pub.

When I got home 'er indoors asked "So who was there tonight?"

"Oh, just the usual – Phil was serving, Grahame, you know the bald one, Danek and Mick – he's the talky one from that place up north where they buried King Dick 3 in the car park."

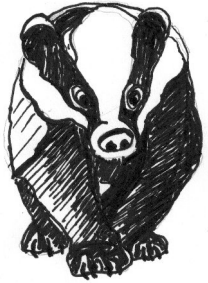
"So what did you talk about?"

"Hmm, well it was the usual really, nothing too controversial; Grahame gave us a 30 minute dissertation on the pros and cons of acrylic versus oil paint for windows, Danek didn't say much but looked happy enough with his pint and Mick gave us 30 minutes on double glazing. I think Phil dozed off at one point and nearly fell off his stool; so you couldn't say it was a riot but not bad."

"Oh well, glad you had a nice time, you didn't miss much on TV. Fancy a cup of tea then?"

A LUPPITT TALE

Tom was a well respected 'countryman' with a deep lifelong knowledge of the Luppitt countryside and its denizens. He didn't consider himself a poacher but he would admit to being a good forager and he knew how to find himself a meal. It was a balmy Saturday evening in the summer of '65 when Tom and a few mates set off to a party near Sidbury. They piled into Tom's van – an ex-GPO Morris with two upfront and the other four on the floor in the rear.



After a few light 'refreshments' at the Luppitt Inn they headed off. Trundling along at a steady, if rowdy 40mph there was suddenly a hefty bump - they'd hit a badger. Not wanting to waste good food or miss the promise of a tasty badger burger, Tom pulled over, picked up the dead badger, opened the rear doors and chucked it in with the four blokes in the back. Away they went with loud curses from the back about fleas and lice. Another half mile and a different sound started coming from the 'mail box' at the back – it began with a scrabbling noise and a couple of grunts, followed by an "oh s**t" and then loud snarling, growling, swearing and yells of panic before developing into an incoherent full scale fight between four men and a very angry badger. The 'dead' badger was indeed very much alive and had merely been stunned after its encounter with the vans sump. Now fully awake it was seriously annoyed at being kidnapped while going about its lawful business hunting for slugs, grubs and unsuspecting hedgehogs, and for being imprisoned in a metal box with four humans.

Tom, not wanting to spoil the in-flight entertainment, declined yells from his mates to stop and get the badger out. Unfortunately, as afficianados of ex-GPO vans will know, they cannot be unlocked from inside. After 10 minutes of serious brawling they managed to kick the back doors open and the badger escaped. Tom's four, now ex-mates, arrived at the party with torn trousers, bleeding arms and legs and a distinct lack of goodwill. A confused looking badger was later seen wandering past Greenways.

C. Luppittus



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UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head teacher ~ Mr. Chris Legg, Chair of Governors ~ Nicola Cornish

Our first week back here in school has been an exciting and busy time. It was wonderful to see everyone return after the summer break, looking so smart and ready for the new academic year ahead. As the bell rang, and everyone lined up in their new classes, it was super to see all the children taking such a sense of pride for themselves, and respect for their school. There is a real 'buzz' of excitement in each class around the new learning, class responsibilities and topics for the term. The children have all settled extremely well into their new classes and there has been a very positive and purposeful atmosphere across the whole school.

It was also wonderful to see our new Reception children start their first day of school. They have all settled into Wren class so well. They have all been super and have been learning all about the routines for the school day and, along with year 1, enjoying the new layout and resources in Wren class. They have been very well supported by our year 1 children who have all looked after them brilliantly

Wren Class enjoyed playing with the new children; playing with all the new toys and our new bug mat; becoming year 1s. exploring our new interactive whiteboard; writing; using Lego in maths; making models and counting pieces.

Kingfisher class enjoyed writing our recounts of a day out in the summer holiday; choosing our new reading books; doing balances with partners in PE; starting our new project (Scrumdiddlyumptious); designing our birthday cards for the year ahead; learning about tens and ones in maths and working well as a new class! having a go on Mathematics; scientifically sorting different foods; doing observational drawings of fruit; doing our first year 2 and 3 quizzes; year 2's having hot chocolate at forest school; PE with Mr Clements; starting our new story in literacy 'The Disgusting Sandwich' and working on place value in maths.

Kestrel Class enjoyed designing our Internet Safety posters; coming back to school; designing our dreamcatchers; fronted adverbials in SPAG; measuring in maths; first daily mile of the new school year. prepositions in literacy; starting our dreamcatchers; measuring and perimeter in maths; learning about the hurricane; daily mile; class book - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; PE with Mr Legg.

Falcon Class enjoyed coming back to school and being year 6s! Starting our Cornerstones project – Blood and Heart; voting for Head Boy and Head Girl; Literacy – looking at different types of sentences; statements, commands, exclamations and questions; class book; Kensuke's Kingdom; designing front covers for our art files. practising short multiplication in maths; starting our art project – self-portraits; P.E – Invasion games and baseline fit; Kensuke's Kingdom in literacy – story mapping and writing a synopsis so far.

IT IS HARVEST TIME AGAIN

I am going to be selling my Volkswagen Tiguan (and hope it will have been sold by the time this magazine has dropped on your door mat). I will be a bit sad as it has been a good car, coping well with the snow that hit Dunkeswell three times in March last year and with our lanes when they are muddy and slippery. The car does 50 miles to the gallon most of the time and has the power I need to cruise comfortably on motorways with our trailer tent behind. But it is a diesel.

We are being challenged all the time at the moment, and I hope for every day in the future, to not just consider our personal impact on the environment but to do something about it. Many of our vegetables come from the supermarket wrapped in plastic, as does our milk and cheese, our meat, all of our cleaning products Indeed there is very little that we use on a daily basis that has not had plastic involved at some stage in its production.

In 1984 the Anglican Communion, of which the Church of England was the founding member, produced what are known as the Five Marks of Mission:

Mark 1 – **tell** by proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom

Mark 2 – **teach**, baptise and nurture new believers

Mark 3 – **tend** by responding to human need by loving service

Mark 4 – **transform** unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

Mark 5 – **treasure** by striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

These 5 Marks are not listed in order of importance – The Church of England and members of Anglican Churches around the world are challenged to live their lives with all of these as absolute priorities. Mark 5 – to treasure creation is the one however to which the churches have given least priority. The challenge for each of us today is that we know that creation is under threat, be it from the intentional burning of vast areas of forest in South America or the burning of fossil fuels for electricity, heating and transportation. We do know that we should, as Greta Thurnberg has said so clearly, follow the science. As an aside - I get really irritated by people with power who choose to criticise a sixteen year old who has the courage to speak up and challenge the status quo.

This the season of the harvest and in each of our parishes we will be having a traditional Harvest Festival and a variety of Harvest Lunches and Dinners. It would be wonderful if our communities would come together to rejoice in the richness of the crops and stock which our farmers produce. As we face Climate Change we will be reminded by some that cattle are among the greatest producers of methane, and I know that makes small boys laugh! There are those encouraging us to reduce our consumption of dairy produce and of beef products. That is quite easy to say – but how about making it a challenge. Why not insist on buying only local dairy products, why not insist on buying only local beef. It might be more expensive but it won't have been transported great distances and thus have an additional carbon footprint. You may buy less, as it is more expensive, but you can be confident in the quality and you will be supporting the farmers who are such significant partners in our communities. We do have a duty to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and a duty to fight climate change. We also need to remember the people who are on the front line in this battle – our farmers.

Rev John Hayhoe



OUR SERVICES IN OCTOBER

2 nd	10:00 am	Said Morning Prayer, Coffee at 10:30 - Revd J Hayhoe
6 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion BCP - Revd J Fairweather
13 th	11:00 am	All Age Worship - Lay Led
16 th	10:00 am	Said Morning Prayer - Revd J Hayhoe
20 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion Common Worship - Revd J Hayhoe
27 th	11:00 am	All Age Worship - Lay Led

Our beautiful Church is open every day and everyone is welcome to visit and spend a quiet time in prayer or meditation, or simply to soak up the restful atmosphere and enjoy the beautiful views from the Churchyard.

Prayer requests may be left at the back of the Church and will be prayed for regularly.

St. Mary's can be booked for private events, activities or concerts. Please contact Sara Gordon on 891140 for more information.

OCTOBER DUNKESWELL MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES

4th	Plymtree	7:30pm	Harvest Service and Supper	Revd J Hayhoe
6th	Broadhembury	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Revd J Hayoe
	Dunkeswell	08.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
		09.30am	Coffee & croissants at Throgmorton Hall	
	Plymtree	11.00am	Family Harvest Service	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09.30am	Harvest Festival	Lay Led
	Upottery	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Lay Led
13th	Broadhembury	6:30pm	Sung Evensong	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	11.00am	Morning worship	Lay Led
	Plymtree	09.15am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Sheldon	09.30am	Morning Worship	Lay led
	Upottery	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Revd J Hayhoe
20th	Broadhembury	09.30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	11.00am	United Service	Mr J White
	Plymtree	11.00am	Morning worship	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09.30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd A Mills
	Upottery	11:00am	All Age Worship	Lay Led
27th	Broadhembury	10.00am	Family Service	Lay Led
	Dunkeswell	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Revd P Horder
	Plymtree	09.15am	Holy Communion	Revd D Fayle
	Sheldon	09.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Fairweather
	Upottery	11.00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd I Gibson

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Location of defibrillators

Village Hall EX14 4RT

Loman's Farm, EX14 4TX (near Red Doors)

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

October

5th Pat Bussey & Sue Piechowiak or Sue Hurst

12th Carole Thorne & Jean Hooper

19th Wendy Clapp & Mary Hill

26th Pearl Pulman & Mary Joyce

November

2nd Olive Clapp, Vanessa Nancarrow, Sara Gordon (Flowers)

We need volunteers to help with church cleaning or flower arranging;
please contact Pearl Pulman on 891324 or Olive Clapp on 891386.