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**November 2024**

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# THE LUPPITT PACKET

The Packet team are nearing the end of their first year producing the magazine and we are really thrilled at the positive feedback we are getting. Of course, a magazine is only as good as its contents, and month on month, we have welcomed new contributors and excellent articles. Next year, we will be asking all our readers about their favourite Packet features, and looking for ideas on new subjects you would like us to include.

But for now.....in this issue.....the busy pre-Christmas period is in full swing and we have included posters announcing lots of interesting events taking place this month, or in December. We have been very pressured for space, so some of the posters are a little smaller than they might have been, but look out for all of them – they all promise to be interesting and enjoyable events.

One close to our hearts is the Children's Art Competition to find the winner of the front page design for the December Packet. The winner will be announced at the Packet Coffee Morning on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>, running from 11am to 1pm, where, alongside announcement of the winner and prize presentation, we will be serving bacon rolls and hot mince pies. There will also be a raffle and a collection box for the Christmas Food Bank appeal.

Amongst the many events detailed in this issue, we want to highlight the Candlelight Concert being held in St Marys Church on the evening of Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The lane from the Hall car park to St Marys' gates will be illuminated, the Church interior will be candlelit, the heating will be on, and the natural acoustics of the Church will ensure the music resonates beautifully all around. So please don't miss this unforgettable evening. All proceeds will go towards much needed repairs to the Church.

***Christine Ryder, Michele Turner and the Luppitt Packet team***

The Luppitt Packet Team would like to say a big thank-you to Iris Selway who has delivered the Luppitt Packet to Millrise and surrounding houses for the last 40 years. Its people like you Iris that make the Luppitt Packet reach the folk of Luppitt. Good luck in all you do in the future.  
From the Luppitt Packet Team

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## **Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events**

**Coming up soon:**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz Night**  
*Get those grey cells working!*

**Events to look forward to:**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party**  
Three course meal and live local band

**Friday 17th January 2025: Ladies Film Night**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025: Skittles Night**

We now have a new bank account specifically so that payments for events can be made via BACS. Details will be provided when booking. In addition, we have one card machine which is located in the bar.

Cash will still currently be needed for buying raffle tickets!

## **Harvest Supper**

This was a very successful and well supported event, which resulted in a profit of around £1,160.

£400 of this will go to St Mary's Church, £400 to Children's Hospice South West, and the remainder to the Village Hall.

Many thanks to Ralph Rosewell for being a most entertaining Auctioneer, to all those involved in putting on the event, especially Head Chef Jean Hooper, to those who donated to the auction, and to everyone who came to support us.

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## REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hub Pub                    7:30pm every Wednesday & Friday  
Short Mat Bowls                7.30pm Thursdays  
Friday Coffee / Market    11am until 1pm

Last November Coffee meet up will be held Saturday 30 November. As well as Tea, Coffee and biscuits you will be able to buy bacon rolls and mince pies to get you all in the festive mood! There will also be a raffle in aid of the Luppitt Packet. Do come along and join in!



## Closure of Luppitt Commons to Public Access - Notification of Discretionary "28 Day" Restriction under the CROW Act 2000

Please note that the Commons (Hense Moor, Hartridge, and Luppitt Common) are **CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS** on the following dates:

- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, November 2024
- 5th, 12th, 19th December 2024
- 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January & 1st February 2025

These closures are to permit rough shooting to take place over these Commons.

Further information about open access land can be found on the following Natural England website; [www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess)

**Luppitt Commons Ltd**

## Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

Our Sixth Repair Cafe event, our last one in 2024, will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1pm

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

Please note, that we are also able to take on extra, larger and more extensive repairs at our local Workshop.

Stephan Lehner,  
Blackdown Hills Repair Café Coordinator  
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## Lest we forget

November is traditionally a time of remembering and we particularly think of our annual Remembrance Sunday Service but we also remember all our friends and family that we have loved and lost.

Do come along to the special 'Remembering Loved Ones' service on 3 November at 3pm in the

Throgmorton Hall led by Revd Nigel.

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November all our Churches are holding a week of prayer. We invite everyone to stop for a moment at noon to join us in a brief time of prayer, see Revd Nigel's letter for more information. Please do pop in to the Church any time to leave your prayer requests.

There will be a said service of Prayer Through the Day at 2pm in St. Mary's from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## SERVICES

03 November	9:30am	Holy Communion	Revd Nigel Candalent
		Newmans House	
	3.00pm	Mission Community Loved Ones Service	
		Throgmorton Hall	Revd Nigel Candalent
10 November	10:50am	Remembrance	Lay Led
17 November	11:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nigel Candalent
		Village Hall	
24 November	3:00am	Advent Tea at Newmans	
House			
01 December	3:00am	Christingle	Revd Nigel Candalent
		Village Hall	

## HANDY HELPERS DESPERATELY SOUGHT!

One or more people with fencing or carpentry skills are sought to undertake essential maintenance work at the Church. Please contact Sara on 07717 222404 to discuss scope of work and agree costs.

## The Treasurer would be delighted to receive donations towards the cost of keeping our beautiful Church open:

Parish Giving forms are available in the Church. This is the preferred method of giving as the banking and gift aid is done for us!

Or Scan the QR code to give online

Or Donate directly to the bank: Luppitt Church 53-50-55 05107032

Or contact our treasurer Sara (07717 222404) about making a donation



Thank you

# Warts and All!

As the spooky season continues, I have been looking at the delicate art of wart charming! It seems it is one of the more popular forms of folk medicine. No money passes hands as it is considered to be a god given gift, so be wary of anyone asking for a fee as the charm won't work!

There seem to be three main methods.

The quartz pebble method – the charmer collects quartz pebbles from a southerly flowing stream. Each wart is rubbed with a different pebble. The pebbles are placed in a bag, which the charmer takes away and leaves at a crossroads at midnight. Whoever picks up the bag takes on the warts, and the warts leave the afflicted person. Some charmers use beans instead of pebbles.

The knot method – the charmer takes a string and makes a separate knot for each wart. He rubs the knots on the warts. The string is then hidden in woodland or cast into a stream. Once the string disappears so do the warts.

The meat method – the charmer rubs meat or offal on the warts and then buries the meat at a crossroads, as the meat rots the warts disappear.

Each wart charmer's methods vary, some offer prayers or incantations.

Mark Twain's *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* included interesting methods. Tom suggested that the water from tree trunks (spunk water) provided the answer whilst Huckleberry Finn recommended the use of dead cats!

A well-known local lady told me a story about a wart charming experiment conducted by her and her sister when they were children. Her sister was the charmer, and she successfully removed her sister's wart, but unfortunately it ended up on her instead!

Dangerous stuff this wart charming!

**Mary Hill**





## BONFIRE BEAUTIES

The Guy Fawkes Bonfire Food is very much a tradition with Hot Dogs, Parkin, Hot Chocolate etc, but here are some ideas to make some changes – a delicious chutney to add to those hot dogs, or the children might like Jamie Oliver's Chocolate Banana Rocket Lollies.



### Apricot and Apple Chutney

#### **Ingredients**

150gm chopped dried apricots  
225gm chopped cooking apples  
180ml vinegar  
40gm raisins  
200gms sugar

2 cloves of garlic.  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon chilli flakes

#### **Method**

Put all the ingredients (except for the sugar) in a thick bottomed saucepan. Bring to the boil and then simmer for 10 mins, stirring occasionally. Add the sugar and simmer until thickened. Pour into sterilised jars and seal.  
*GREAT WITH ROAST PORK*

### Jamie's Chocolate Banana Rocket Lollies

#### **Ingredients**

100gm dark chocolate  
4 bananas  
3 tablespoons desiccated coconut. (Chopped dried cranberries or chop chopped nuts can be substituted)  
3 tablespoons freeze dried raspberries  
8 wooden skewers or lollipop sticks

#### **Method**



Gently melt chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan simmering of water.  
Peel bananas and cut in two width wise.  
Stick a skewer into the cut end of the banana and dip in the melted chocolate. Roll in the coconut or raspberries. Leave to dry on baking parchment.



Dunkeswell Mission Community  
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Upottery and Plymtree



## Rev Nigel writes...

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

As we enter into November, we begin the month with two significant and special services. **All Saints Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, we have our 'Loved Ones' service at 3pm in Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell, where we will remember those no longer with us and **Remembrance Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> November**, where we remember those who gave their lives as they fought for freedom and justice. Around this time of year, TV, radio and newspapers pay special attention to the stories of those who fought during wars and conflicts, a powerful reminder of the sacrifice that was given by so many to strive for peace.

One of the joys and privileges of my time here in our communities over the past year has been speaking to many people in different contexts and hearing their stories, or the stories of their loved ones. I look forward to many more opportunities to hear your stories in the coming months and years.

Our focus this month is prayer. Below there is a reminder of the different opportunities to engage with prayer during November and also find out a little bit more about the different ways we can pray. There is also a super photographic exhibition in one of our churches which I invite you to go to.

Every blessing **Rev Nigel Candelent**

### ***This is My story...***

#### **St Mary's Church, Upottery - From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November for two weeks.**

During this time there will be a special photographic exhibition which has been displayed in various churches across the Dioceses of Exeter. Each portrait is accompanied by the person's faith story, told in their own words. The Church will be open each day between 9am and 4pm. Please do take a look if you are able to.

### **Prayer week...**

Come and join us for a week of prayer, each day there will be a special focus. Church will be open for quiet contemplation.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Educational Institutions - Schools, colleges and universities - Teachers, staff, students and parents,

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Health and Emergency Services and personnel

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Those who serve the community in local government and councils; our Church communities and leaders; Bishop Mike, our New Bishop of Exeter.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov:** For all who suffer as a result of conflict or natural or manmade disaster.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** For us all; family, friends, neighbours and our farming Community

### **Midday prayer...**

Each day during this week of prayer, we invite you to stop what you are doing at midday and pause for thought and prayer. However long you have, please do join with many others who will be doing the same.

### **Practical Prayer Workshops...**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2pm at Dunkeswell Village Hall**

Over the three weeks we will explore what prayer is and have the opportunity to try out different ways of praying.

You will be able to try out contemplative prayer, using a labyrinth for prayer, praying with beads, prayer walking, using icons etc. Each week will focus on one or two different ways of praying.

You will be welcome to come to any or all of the sessions and please don't worry if your mobility isn't up to walking a labyrinth or prayer walking as we will also explore ways of doing these things whilst sitting in one place.

A hands on opportunity for all ages and abilities.

I look forward to seeing you there.

If you can let me know if you are planning to come that will be helpful so I can make sure I have enough resources.

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01404 841523.

## **Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 8 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Charles Murray, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Colin Brown (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC) and 2 members of the public

### **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lindsay Hill, Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn and Yehudi Levine (EDCC)

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 September 2024, will be agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting at the November meeting.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Summers declared an interest in the planning application at Calhayes Farm as he is related to the applicant.

## **PLANNING**

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

**24/1850/FUL – Calhayes Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SU –** demolition of existing two-storey wing of house and construction of replacement larger two-storey wing

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

**24/1249/LBC – Barbers Farm, Beacon, Luppitt, EX14 4TX –** amended plans

The Parish Council has no objection to the amended plans.

**24/1631/CPE – Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Application at Barns north of Wick Cross**

Cllr Turner has received a detailed reply from Mr Andrew Digby, Senior Planning Officer at EDDC, to her letter dated 13 September. Mr Digby gave assurance that the matter is receiving his full attention.

### **Enforcement Order at Higher Wick**

No response has been received to the Parish Council's letter dated 9 September to Ms Tracey Hendren (CEO at EDDC) expressing dissatisfaction at the handling by EDDC's Enforcement Department of the enforcement order at Higher Wick. It appears that Ms Hendren had not received the letter and Cllr Brown has sent her a copy.

### **Housing Need Survey**

Posters publicising the Housing Need Survey have been placed around the parish and information posted on the Facebook page and the WhatsApp group. The survey can be completed online or using the paper form that

was sent to every household. Completed surveys must be submitted by 18 October.

### **Decisions**

There were no decisions.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Ward Councillor**

Council meetings have been concentrating on strategic planning. The first full Council meeting is due to be held shortly and Cllr Brown will have something to report after that.

#### **County Councillor**

Cllr Chubb had sent his report to the clerk who will circulate it to Parish Councillors. Some of the main points are as follows:

- The Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority has been given the green light by the new Government.
- Information is available regarding pension credit.
- Despite challenging weather conditions for the Highways team, there were some positive statistics illustrating how extra money put into the budget for this financial year has been used.

### **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

#### **Parish Highways programme – update on Items to Report**

The clerk has reported the following:

- Yarde Lodge – W241788520
- Hillend towards the footpath – W241788521
- Mathayes towards Hartridge – W241788518.

The clerk will report the following:

- The culvert by Littletown Cottage has been damaged (reported by Cllr Pulman).
- Large pothole from Red Doors towards Maple Cross.

#### **Neighbourhood Highway Officer**

The new NHO is Ed Polding. The clerk will arrange a meeting later in the year.

#### **Salt and Sandbag requirements**

There are no requirements.

#### **Parish Maintenance**

Cllr Tucker was asked to clean the ditch by Shelves Farm.

#### **Road Signs**

This item will be carried forward to the next meeting when Cllr Hill will be present.

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

One of the Footpath Wardens had reported that parts of Footpath 14 near Turf House were very wet. There had been plans some time ago to redirect the path to avoid the wet patch. The clerk will follow up with the Parish Paths officer at DCC.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Cllr Chubb has some Locality funding available. Cllr Summers, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, will look into the cost of LED lighting for the Village Hall with a view to applying for funding towards the cost.

## **Parish Council representative for the Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr Summers agreed to continue as the Parish Council representative.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **External Audit**

The clerk confirmed that the external audit has been completed without any issues. All relevant papers have now been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

### **Parish Council .gov.uk domain**

It was agreed that the domain name should be luppittparish.gov.uk. Following due diligence, the clerk has established that there is a cheaper alternative to that quoted by Vision ICT for individual Parish Councillor email addresses. Cllr Turner will look at recent emails to establish the capacity needed for the individual email boxes.

### **Bank Signatories**

Bank signatories were agreed. The clerk will organise the necessary paperwork for signature.

### **Correspondence**

- The internal auditor had written to thank the Parish Council for the voucher.
- The clerk had received an email from a gentleman who had an original letter dated 31 August 1825 that seemed to relate to residents of Luppitt. The clerk forwarded it to the Luppitt Local History Group.
- The clerk had received an email from a former resident offering the Luppitt.org.uk domain free to a local Luppitt organisation that could make use of it. Cllr Turner undertook to follow up.
- An email from EDDC helping to promote the uptake of pension credit, housing benefit and council tax reduction following the removal of the winter fuel allowance for those not receiving pension credit was noted. Posters have been displayed in the Village Hall.

## **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

Cllr Turner read out a letter of resignation from John Thorne who felt that he was spending more time away and, as a result, was unable to devote as much time as he would like to the Parish Council. It was agreed that John has made significant contributions since becoming a Parish Councillor in 2012 and serving as Chair of the Parish Council from 2014 to 2023. His local knowledge and expertise will be missed. The clerk will start the process to fill the Casual Vacancy that John's resignation creates.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

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

**Tuesday, 5 November 2024**

**Tuesday, 3 December 2024**

## **NEWS FROM THE LUPPITT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP**

There will be a meeting for all the landowners who have joined the Luppitt Landscape Partnership, on the evening of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the village hall. At this event the findings from the project's work to date will be presented, and there will be a discussion about the objectives of the project so that members are involved in shaping the next steps. There are 48 landholdings signed up to the project now, of all sizes, and everyone's perspectives, needs and circumstances will be different. However they all share a part in the future of the Luppitt landscape and we will explore how we can best work together.

Ahead of this meeting, David Crabb is undertaking exploratory visits to all the farms and larger holdings in the valley, and we are distributing the results of the habitats survey carried out by Ecologic, to all member holdings. Shane Pulman is beginning a twelve-month assessment of the quality of the River Love, and Fred Constantine is collating information on soils.

For more information about the Luppitt Landscape Partnership contact Gavin Saunders or Nicola Cunningham at the office at Overday. You can email Gavin at [gavin.saunders@luppittlandscape.org](mailto:gavin.saunders@luppittlandscape.org) or phone 07760 665378.

Luppitt Landscape Partnership team  
The Granary  
Overday Farm

## The Eleventh Hour of The Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month

I stopped at the crossroads. As I looked for a gap in the traffic I noticed a long, low stone memorial on one corner. We had seen many such memorials during our wanderings in France.

Often a stone marked an incident in the war of 1939-1945. There would be names, and a simple inscription in French like 'died for France' or 'killed by the Germans' with the date. Usually a French flag, or some flowers, showed that someone had not forgotten.

The monument at this crossroads carried not the Tricolour but the Stars and Stripes. There were the names of fifteen American servicemen. They had been prisoners-of-war. In the face of the Allied advance, towards the end of the war, their German captors had brought them near the crossroads and shot them.

You may wonder why I looked at the memorial. I feel a need to stop at such places when I come to them, for to disregard them seems to me at best insensitive and at worst a kind of insult or betrayal. I stop and read the inscription, and pause, for a few minutes, to think of what happened and those who died.

The cemeteries from the terrible battles of 1914-1918 have a similar effect on me. Even though there are so many, I find it hard to pass them by. Some are vast, with thousands of headstones, and others have just a few dozen.

The British cemeteries are always surrounded by a wall. Invariably, they are beautifully kept, often in strong contrast to the adjoining farmland or countryside. Frequently you can identify the cemeteries from afar, as the rows of headstones make strong geometric patterns. These patterns stand out extremely clearly from their surroundings.



As we came over the crest of a small hill, I recognised one such pattern. The colour did not seem quite right, however. I soon understood why: a very small sign indicated a cemetery of 'Soldats Allemands'.

We approached, and I hesitated at the closed gates. The memorials and cemeteries we had seen had all been for British and Allied forces. I had felt sadness for them. They were my countrymen, or friends on our side.



However, this cemetery was German. They had been the enemy of 1914-1918. They had killed thousands of British soldiers. I waited. I thought for a very long moment. Then I pushed open the iron gate.

Row on row of graves stretched into the distance. I was overwhelmed by the numbers of headstones. They merged into greyness. They were grey Christian crosses, and among them markers bearing the Star of David. They were the graves of young men, probably most of them poorly trained and inexperienced. They were men who were sent to their slaughter, as surely as the northern regiments of Pals. In this cemetery there were more than forty-four thousand graves.

On the eleventh we remember our soldiers killed in the two World Wars, and in other conflicts like Ireland, Korea, Malaya, the Gulf, the Falklands, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Should I not shed a tear too, for those 44,000?

[Langemark German cemetery, Langemark-Poelkapelle, (Ypres) West Flanders, Belgium]



DS

## **The Poppy**

I used to be a soldier,  
A proud soldier of the Queen,  
But now I'm a bright red poppy  
In a foreign field of green.

I used to be a father  
With a family of my own,  
But now that I'm a poppy  
My childrewn play alone.

I used to be a husband,  
A brother and a son,  
But now I'm a special poppy  
Though I'm not the only one  
because there's

Millions and millions of poppies  
Their petals red with blood.  
Blood that's gladly given  
For you and the freedoms you love

So when you buy your poppy  
& It's pinned to your lapel  
Please remember, to buy you this  
Heaven  
All those poppies went marching  
through Hell!



## Fred Pulman 1898-1917

Fred Pulman lived most of his life in a house on the edge of Hense Moor. From 1901 he was cared for by his grandparents, James and Matilda Pulman. He grew up entirely in the village, probably working for his grandfather.

Some time after World War One broke out, he, like so many young men, went off to fight. Like so many young men, he was killed.

He died at Poelcapelle (Ypres) on 10 October 1917.

It is said his grandmother died of a broken heart.

He has no known grave, but his name is on the Memorial to the Missing, at Tyne Cot, Zonnebek. His name is on our village memorial.

There is another record in the village. On the eleventh, there will be a poppy next to Fred's initials, which he cut on to his grandfather's stable door.

This is now ours.

DS

## GARDEN JOTTINGS

This year there's been a charm of goldfinch in the garden. You can see them flashing red and yellow on the bird feeders in front of the lounge window at breakfast time. We've often had one or two pecking on dandelion heads on the lawn, but never so many. They must have chanced on a rare slot of good weather this spring and had a good breeding season.



There are always many other birds on the feeders – chaffinches, blue tits, green finches, sparrows. Blackbirds squabble over territory. Pigeons lumber about. Sometimes their young fall prey to aggressive magpies. Red and black woodpeckers soon eat up all the seed, though green woodpeckers are rare. And then there are grey squirrels hanging on the feeders, breaking them, though their peanut box is on the oak tree down the end of the garden. High in the sky there's usually a buzzard wailing in the summer. Maybe its parents have left it to look after itself.

Now autumn leaves are dropping, especially our apple and wild cherry. The new lawn rake we've just bought will be in everyday use. Soon the beech will be turing, hazels are already losing their yellowing leaves. Last to shed are the oaks, and there'll be more light in the green house.

Today our garden flowers look rather windswept and rain beaten, yet fuchsias are looking fine.

David Street



## Upottery Primary School October 2024

First, thank you for all your kind messages of support for the school from last week's Ofsted Inspection. It was brilliant to reflect on the school's improvement over the last 18 months. I will share the report with you as soon as it is published.

Thank you so much to Simon Ould from Space Odyssey for the space dome last week. All our children had a fantastic time, and Simon was impressed with the level of inquisitive questions our children had!

Also, October started with the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. Thank you to Rev.Nigel and the PTFA for putting together a lovely celebration for the whole school to enjoy.

Falcon Class are currently enjoying a week at Pixies Holt which will include a night walk, moorland exploration, gripping granite day, caving, archery and orienteering in the forest. We look forward to hearing all about the trip next week. Thank you to Mrs Yallop, Mrs Molyneaux and Mrs Herrett for running the event this week, along with the Pixies Holt team.

Kestrel Class enjoyed a Gym Session at Honiton Community College this week. The Honiton Learning Community have lots of events planned over the school year for all the classes to take part in. The events will be in the newsletter and on the website.

Future Events:

- **HLC Netball** for Falcon Class (after school event).
- **Pinocchio Trip to Taunton Brewhouse** at Christmas for the whole school.
- **PTFA Events: Disco, Bags 2 School , Falcon Class cake sale, Football Club quiz and Children in Need event.**

**Tom Pettifer, Head of School**



### SALE OF BOOKS

On Saturday 30 November at 1030 in Sheldon Village Hall at a Grand Bazaar and Coffee Morning there will be a Sale of Books. These come from a private collection and cover a vast range of subjects: factual (biographies, histories, sporting and many others) as well as fiction by famous and not so famous authors. Each hardback in almost new condition will be priced at £5 and each paperback at one pound.

All proceeds will go to Sheldon Church.

## There's more to November than Guy Fawkes

We all know about November 5<sup>th</sup> – the day when organizers of fireworks displays cross their fingers about the weather, the butchers sell out of sausages, there isn't a hot dog roll to be found in Tesco and bonfires light up the skies – well – if it isn't raining that is.

But did you know that November is a month packed with special days? Some of them are well known, such as the all-important Remembrance Sunday. But there is hardly a day in November which isn't tagged as a celebration of something.



For instance, Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be National Sandwich Day, when social media buzzes with new and unusual sandwich recipes. Perhaps Nigel Hurst's bacon and marmalade recipe might be good for this one.

Still on the foodie theme, November 8<sup>th</sup> is National Cappuccino Day, when apparently cafes around the country will be showing off their frothiest, tastiest Cappuccinos and offering special deals.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, not only Guy Fawkes will turn the skies red, because it is also National Redhead Day – celebrating the uniqueness and beauty of red hair. I love that one. My mother was a redhead and I can certainly confirm that natural redheads are pretty fiery creatures!

Ah – we missed out on November 3<sup>rd</sup> – which is World Jellyfish Day – fronted by the American organisation NOAA Ocean Exploration who tell us that we should be in awe of these invertebrate, brainless creatures. I have always seen them as nasty little things that sting me when I go swimming, but apparently jellyfish should be loved and admired. They are not actually fish because they have no skeletons – and they really don't have a brain – they just have a network of nerves that tell them all they need to know.



There are apparently loads of different kinds of jelly fish and some are on the endangered species list. Hmmmm – not high on my list of desirable pets.

A serious one is Odd Socks Day on 12<sup>th</sup> November. It marks the beginning of anti-bullying week in the UK. The idea is to wear odd socks to school or work to raise awareness of the rising problem of bullying. It was founded by the pop group Andy and the Odd Socks. School and workplace packs can be downloaded at [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk).



November 19<sup>th</sup> is National Play Monopoly Day! Apparently, Monopoly fans get together in groups all over the country and head down for tense hours of gaming with revered status being bestowed on the eventual winners. It is a game that holds the same memories for me as playing golf. I am hopeless at both. Mind you, the Monopoly set is still in the cupboard. The golf clubs are long gone.

A celebration which we could all welcome is

World Hello Day on November 21<sup>st</sup> where people are encouraged to greet at least 10 people during the day and promote peace through acts of kindness. In today's crazy world we should all observe that one.



Moving on through the month, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Doctor Who Day also known as Tardis Day. It is the anniversary of the first ever transmission of Dr Who. I wonder how many Luppitt residents remember that one?? Well I remember it...my father and I sat in front of the telly absolutely in awe. So now, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, participants in the celebration go to work or school wearing bow ties, long knitted scarves, or just spend the day eating jelly babies. The website [www.doctorwhoworlduk.com](http://www.doctorwhoworlduk.com) has copious references to the link between Dr Who and jelly babies, plus lots of other historical data stretching back over the years. So if anyone wants to take part in Tardis Day, that's the place to go for inspiration.



By late November, we will all be turning our thoughts to preparations for Christmas and November 24<sup>th</sup> will get us started because it is Stir Up Sunday when groups of people traditionally get together to stir up the Christmas Pudding mix. Nothing beats a home made Christmas Pud.

And then...on November 29<sup>th</sup>, we get the beginning of the Christmas shopping spree because it is Black Friday when lots of retailers slash prices.

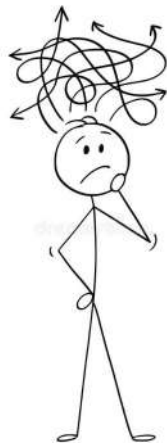
So there we have it. November is not all about fireworks. There are some really interesting celebration days that might spark your imagination and lead to a very interesting month.

**Christine Ryder**



# Puzzle - November

1. We hurt without moving. We poison without touching. We bear the truth and the lies. We are not to be judged by our size. What are we?
2. On my own I'm 24th, two of us and I'm 20. What am I ?
3. Rearrange the letters of HOTEL SUITE to give a ten letter word.
4. What has fingers but you can never use them?
5. If you feed it , it lives. But if you give it water, it dies. What is it?
6. Many have heard me, but nobody has seen me. I will not speak back until spoken to. What am I ?
7. I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old. What am I?
8. It belongs to you, but it is used more by other people than yourself. What is it?
9. What can't be used until broken?
10. What has hands but no feet, a face but no eyes tells but does not talk?





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When they first moved into Rolleshayes the garden was simply an unkempt steeply sloping mixture of rough grass and stony earth

which came right up to the back and side walls of the house. Flows of underground spring water meant that some areas were constantly damp.



Now, looking at the beautifully designed stepped garden and arboretum, all aflame with masses of colour and inspired planting plus the beautiful sound of the spring water bubbling down gently from the pond area through the water garden it is impossible to believe such a stunning garden could have been made from that daunting start point.



A flight of stone steps lead you through borders bursting with blooms and on through to the manicured





lawns and herbaceous borders where huge hydrangeas intermingle with brightly coloured perennials. Moving on up, you walk alongside the water course which John created, having controlled and channelled the natural water sources through a succession of land drains. The trickling water is flanked with plantings of irises, hostas, ferns, phormiums and other lush damp loving plants. As you walk on up towards the pond and central water garden, a stunning view of the Luppitt landscape unfolds, best enjoyed from the decking of the summerhouse which sits alongside the pond.

The water garden was inspired by the bog garden at Forde Abbey just outside Chard. Much of the detailed research for this area was drawn from Beth Chatto's book, *The Damp Garden*.

On we climb into the 3.5 acre arboretum which John planted using a Woodland Trust grant scheme. He now has around 2,000 young trees, all native species, and a fine bench from which yet another stunning Luppitt landscape can be enjoyed.



***Christine Ryder***

# Children's Art Competition

Design the front cover for the December Luppitt Packet. Open to all children in the village. Voucher for the winning entry.



Theme: **Christmas**



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**November 10th**

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# OCTOBER PUZZLE ANSWERS



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<p>1 Dead centre of town.</p>	<p>2 High Noon</p>	<p>3 We're in the soup</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stand I</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pleasant CCU</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">GO Eight O'Clock GO</p>
<p>4 I understand</p>	<p>5 Nice to see you</p>	<p>6 Time to go</p>
<p>Dr. Sylvester Martens</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUV-1LL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOW IN HERE</p>
<p>7 Puss in boots</p>	<p>8 Abominable (a Bomb in a bull)</p>	<p>9 In the middle of nowhere</p>
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<p>10 Turned up nose</p>	<p>11 Maiden over</p>	<p>12 The last lap</p>
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<p>16 A bunch of flowers</p>	<p>17 One foot in the grave</p>	<p>18 Cornerstone</p>

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 Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf ?  
 The reason I know my youth is all spent?  
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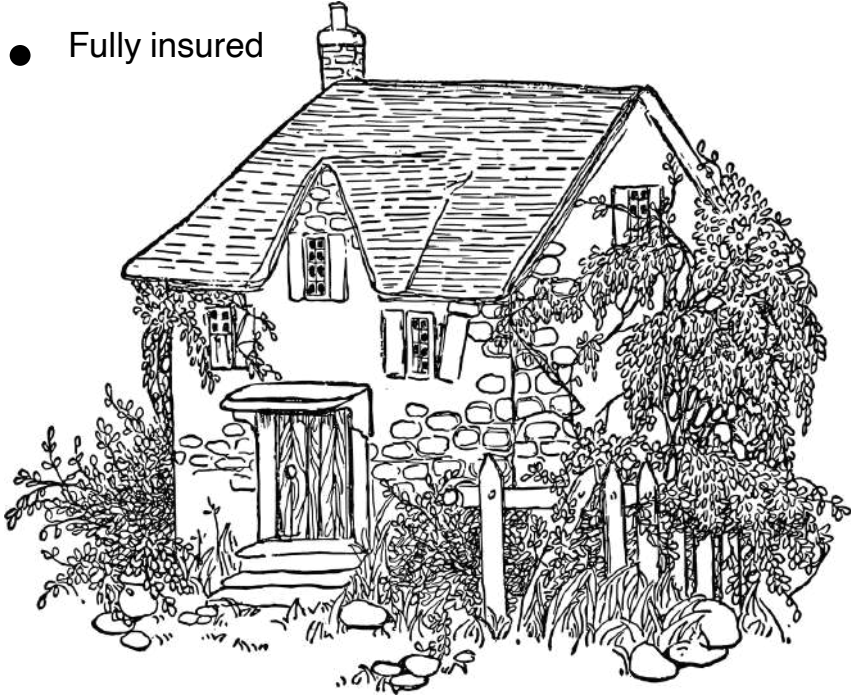
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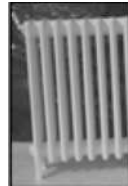
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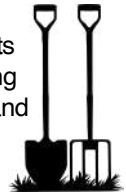
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