ST 10 NE 6/74 G V — LUPPITT — Hawker Chest tomb and railings approximately 750 mm south of the nave of the Church of St Mary — II

Chest tomb. Dated 1727 in memory of James Hawker. Beerstone ashlar. The chest tomb is rectangular in section. It sits on a moulded plinth and has a thick soffit-moulded lid. The sides are panelled There is an heraldic cartouche on the south side between the 2 panels. These panels are inscribed with Roman serif upper and lower case lettering. The left panel records the death of James Hawker in 1727 and the right panel records the deaths of some of his relatives. The chest tomb is enclosed by C19 wrought iron railings

ST 10 NE 6/75 G.V. — LUPPITT — Horway chest tomb approximately 1 metre south of the Chancel of the Church of St Mary. — II

Chest tomb. Dated 1730 in memory of Keglan Horway. Hamstone. The chest tomb is rectangular in plan and has a soffit moulded lid with a low pitched ridge. Any plinth is now buried. Each side contains a panel with moulded frame and those on the long sides are flanked by pilasters each carved with a vase of flowers. The north side is inscribed with Roman serif upper and lower case lettering and records the death of Keglan Horway in 1730

ST 10 NE 6/76 GV — LUPPITT Illegible headstone approximately 3 metres south of the tower of the Church of St Mary. II

Headstone. C18. Upright stone slab standing approximately 1·3 metres high. It has a shaped head carved with scrolls and hourglass flanked by winged cherubs head. A panel is surrounded by a frame carved with scrolled foliage and a tassle divides the inscription into 2 halves. The inscription is Roman serif upper and lower case lettering but is so lightly incised as to be illegible in all but perfect lighting conditions.

ST 10 NE 6/77 GV — LUPPITT Illegible headstone approximately 3 metres south of the chancel of Church of St Mary. II

Headstone. C18. Hamstone. 1 Upright slab standing approximately 1·2 metres high. It has a shaped head. ~~A panel is surrounded by a frame~~ carved with scrolls and an hourglass flanked by winged cherubs head. A panel is surrounded by a frame carved with scroll foliage. The inscription is Roman serif upper and lower case lettering but is so faint as to be illegible in all but perfect lighting conditions.

ST 10 NE 6/78 GV — LUPPITT Illegible chest tomb approximately 5 metres east of the chancel of the church of St Mary II

Chest tomb. C18 - early C19. Hamstone. The chest tomb is rectangular in plan and has a coffit moulded lid with a low pitched ridge. Any plinth is now buried long side are flanked by fluted pilasters. The panel on the south side is inscribed with Roman serif upper and lower case lettering including some italics but is so lightly incised as to be illegible in all but perfect lighting conditions

Photo copies were taken of the details of the following, and are with the above details concerning Lufftitt Church.

ST 11 SW DUNKESWELL ABBEY
1/19 Church of Holy Trinity
GV II

ST 11 SW DUNKESWELL ABBEY
1/20 Ruins of Dunkeswell Abbey
22.2.55. Gatehouse
GV II
Scheduled Ancient Monument 228 (Part)

ST 10 NW DUNKESWELL
5/25 Church of St Nicholas
GV II

See P155 'Reverend, if I put some Hay in the wagon and go down to the pasture to feed the cows and only one cow shows up, I don't give her the whole damn load.

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Armada 400 19th July 1988
Fire over England.
Luppitt Celebrations

Bells

At the Bellringers AGM it was decided to ring Luppitt Church bells as part of the parish celebration on this occasion.

Luppitt Parish Council organised a Beacon Fire and Mr George and Mr Hewett would be responsible for building a beacon. The chosen site was on Hartridge Hill above Beacon Ramlet and on that side of Hyde Park fields.

Off cut wood was collected from Honiton and Dunkeswell, about 40 faggots of small top wood was taken from Shelvin, and a photo was taken in the failing light about 9-30 PM.

A system of lighting times was arranged nationwide in sequence to be commenced by the lighting of the Lizard Beacon at precisely 10 PM by a Spaniard, Don José de la Bellacasa, the Spanish Ambassador.

Considerable details were given in a special article in The Sunday Telegraph for July 17th 1988 together with a map showing 130 named beacon sites as well as a further 31 named but not located, Luppitt's site was not listed probably notified too late for inclusion. Copy filed.

The Vicar, Rev N. Wall conducted a short service of Prayer and Hymns about 10 PM.

Bellringers left for the Church and the bells were timed to start at exactly

10-16 pm the set time for lighting our fire on Hartridge. Ringers who took part were Mr J. Crabb. Mr and Mrs L Haynes, Mrs I Selwa Arthur, Andrew, Frederick, Peter and John Sage.

A barbeque was also arranged at the site, and a profit of £45-08 was given to Church funds. About 100 persons of all ages were present. A helicopter with searchlight beam on circled the area sometime after the lighting of the beacon. No other beacon was visible from Hartridge, but there was a distinct glow visible towards Yarcombe

Duffitt Bells were rung for about 20 minutes the Hartridge glow could be seen from outside the Church porch, but the fire was around the corner of the hill too far for actual flames to be seen.

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Taken from "Holy Wit" by Rev. J.A. Simpson

A stand-in clergyman went way back into the hills to conduct a service at which one man proved to be the entire congregation. The preacher asked the man if he thought they should go on with the service. The man pondered, then replied 'Well Reverend, if I put some hay in the wagon and go down to the pasture to feed the cows and only one cow shows up, I feed her!' So the clergyman went through most of the service including a full-length sermon. Afterwards the man said, —

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Bells

Enquiring of John Taylor & Co (Bellfounders) Ltd whether they were able to confirm the date of the Dedication Service in Lupitt Church following the augmentation in 1928, I received the following reply:-

The Bell Foundry, Freehold St, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 1AR. 31st Mar 1988

See also P103

I am in receipt of your letter of 27th March 1988 with all its interesting information concerning your family's service to the Church.

I am surprised that with all the investigations you have undertaken you have not been able to find the Dedication date of the work which we undertook in 1928. It appears almost that you have exhausted all possible sources of finding this out.

I have now looked through our records and find that originally the Dedication Service was planned for the 27th October 1928 but due to the illness of our bellhanger (Mr Mitchell) who had to return home, it was necessary for the Dedication to be delayed until November 19th at 3PM. The Dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Exeter.

Enclosed is a photo-copy of a newspaper cutting from the "Western Times" which indicates that although we received a cheque for £400 on the 4th January 1929 in settlement of our account for the work to the bells, there was still some money required. Hence the holding of the fete

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dance and whist drive.
I trust this information is helpful to you. I hope that your anniversary is celebrated in fine style

Yours sincerely
Alan P. S. Berry
General Manager.

The Western Times Friday 21st June 1929.

LUPPITT

A successful fete, in support of the fund for the restoration of the bells, was held on Thursday, June 13th, in the Vicarage Grounds. The fete, (which included a sale of work) was opened by the Hon. Mrs Courtenay, who, in a few appropriate words, and after commenting on the lovely country surrounding the church and the grounds, made reference to the harmonious working together of parishioners even as the church bells set the example. There were many stalls and attractions including; needlework stall (in charge of the ladies Working Party), jumble stall (Mrs Tavernor), produce stall (Mrs Horton, Mrs Sheen, and Mrs Pulman), tea (members of the Tea Committee), sweets (lady members of the choir), bran tub and sale of flowers (misses F. Pyle, E. Davey, and V. Wensley), skittling (Mr Bull), Aunt Sally (Mr Blode), tennis (members of the Tennis Club) guessing competitions (misses I Griffin and C Locke). In the afternoon and evening displays of maypole dancing were given by the children of the Day School. Added interest to the proceedings was given by visiting ringers from Awliscombe, Offwell, and Honiton, who rang at intervals during the evening. Later on a dance and whist drive, held in the

schoolroom, was well attended. The proceeds from the fete amounted approximately to £56.

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R.W. The following was copied from The Ringing World 4/8/1989 P 703

The Branch Secretary's Lament

Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

When there was an important job to be done Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realised that Nobody would do it.

So it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

Taken from "The Ringing World" 5/12/80 P.1058

Verses

On Sunday's, be it wet or fine,
My church I always visit;
So when at last I'm carried in
The Lord won't say "Who is it?"

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