References to Luppitt in an article by Rosamund Duffin entitled "The Forgotten Hills" in "Devon Life" of July 1989 Page 38.

Photos see below — A colour photograph of Luppitt Church taken from Churchcroft, and opposite a full page photo view down the valley taken from the road outside ~~outside~~ the main churchyard gate, with Dumpdon virtually central in the distance.

Rosamund Duffin explores that little known range of hills on the east Devon border, the Blackdowns.

p.38 — Above the greensand is a thin layer of clay with flints and cherts. These basic building materials can be seen in many of the local villages and farmsteads, and add to the character of the landscape as a whole. One parish, Luppitt, has no less than three farmhouses dating back to the Domesday Book: Greenway Farm, Mohun's Ottery and Shapscombe. Most of these hamlets and villages can only be reached by narrow, winding lanes, which is why they have always seemed rather isolated.

Domesday.

p 40 — It is not easy to identify a 'typical' Blackdown village, as they differ greatly in size architectural style, and atmosphere. At one end of the spectrum is Broadhembury, thought to be the most complete 16th century village in Devon, and worthy of any chocolate box cover. At the other end is Dunkeswell where the delightful old village with its historic abbey has been completly swamped by an unsympathic new housing estate. Somewhere in between is the village of Luppitt, with its fair share of modern bungalows squeezed in between lovely old thatched cottages and farmhouses. It is the sort of place where the post office does'nt open until noon, (when the postman finishes his rounds), and sitting in the bar of the village pub is like being in someone's front room.

Luppitt

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The article discusses the proposed ANOB. status.

Mrs Duffin lived for a while at Stockers. Wick.

Photo — On page 3 a photo from Littletown towards Mountstephen

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See also Vol II P.50.

Britain declares war on Germany

50th Anniversary on Radio 4 on 3rd September 1989

Frank Gillard introduces the programme at 11-10 AM
Then at 11-15 AM Alvar Liddell introduced the Prime Minister Mr Neville Chamberlain
"This is London"
The B.B.C. recording of this speech to the nation was then replayed. It varied slightly from the copy in Vol II P.50. Corrections to that text have been made in Red ink. except that a whole paragraph was omitted on P52 after "give these your close attention." and before "How may God bless you all. — "

I will now give the paragraph omitted —

See Vol II P 52

"The government have made plans under which it will be possible to carry on the work of the nation in the days of stress and strain that may be ahead, but these plans need your help. You may be taking your part in the fighting services, or as a volunteer in one of the branches of Civil Defence, if so, you will report for duty in accordance with the instructions you received; you may be engaged in work essential to the prosecution of war, or the maintenance of the life of the people in factories, in transport, in public utility concerns or in the supply of other necessaries of life, if so it is of vital importance that you should carry on with your jobs."
how may God bless you all. — — — "

'That is the end of the Prime Minister's statement.'

Then followed many comments by some who remembered what they were doing, and what their reaction was at the time.

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The programme later included the words of H.M. King George VI to the nation at 6 P.M.

Luppitt

Luppitt on the Postal 'map'

Postbus

Postbus Guide 1989 Royal Mail
including timetables for England & Wales

Published by Post Office Public Affairs
33 Grosvenor Place London

A 36 page guide with photos.

The Royal Mail operates a unique network of Postbus passenger services in some of the most beautiful and remote parts of Britain.

Many routes are little known to those outside the local community but travelling by Postbus offers visitors an ideal way of getting around rural areas where there is often no other form of public transport.

This booklet gives detailed timetables on all 33 routes throughout England and Wales and a traveller's guide to some of the most scenic and interesting journeys.

33 routes

The services, operated by postman-drivers combine delivery and collection of mail with stops en route to pick up and put down passengers.

It is always an interesting ride, giving visitors an opportunity to feel part of the community as they travel with local people. The drivers, knowing their rounds as well, are a mine of information and fares are very modest.

So if you want to explore off the beaten track, Postbuses are perfect for you.

For local people, they can be a lifeline for getting to work, school or the shops, while for those at home, the arrival of the Postbus is an event to look out for. Moreover subject to their other duties, the postmen are often willing to carry out small tasks for the housebound in addition to bringing the mail, like taking a prescription to the chemist or doing emergency shopping. Most Postbuses run two or three times a day from Monday to Friday and once on Saturdays, except on public holidays. Morning journeys, when letters are delivered House to House, often take longer than in the afternoon when only the post boxes have to be emptied.

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Discover the Postbus
Discover rural England & Wales.

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Page 12 South West ① Honiton — Sidmouth
② Treburrick — Wadebridge

A photograph of Dunkeswell village taken from the branch road to the right showing the public telephone box extreme left and the church tower top right.
A map of Devon & Cornwall indicating ① and ②

Text. It is no wonder that Honiton people recommend visitors to spend an afternoon on the Postbus!
46 mile The 46 mile round trip is an excellent way of seeing six picturesque thatched villages north of the town amidst the beautiful Devon
£1-20 countryside. At only £1-20 the fare is very good value.
Twisting up and down narrow high-hedged lanes, the bus climbs at Bypass Hill to Dunkeswell and then circles Dumpdon Hill,
3½ hours an iron-age fort on its 3½ hour journey to collect letter from 19 boxes.
1967 Started in 1967, it was the
FIRST first Postbus service in England.

How it is used mostly by local people, particularly farmer's wives and the retired for shopping in Honiton - where there is a market every Tuesday and Saturday.
Visitors can rely on being given an informative commentary by Max Pipe who has driven the bus for 10 years, having previously been a coach driver. On a clear day he ensures you catch glimpses of the sea at Sidmouth from the rhododendron grounds of stately Watford Lodge and across to Dunkery Beacon

on Exmoor from Dunkeswell airport.
American forces were based in the area during the War and Mark tries to give visitors time to look inside the small church in Dunkeswell village where there is a memorial to those who
Kennedy died on bombing raids, including Joseph Kennedy brother of the former U.S. President. Or there might even be a chance of a bracing stroll along Hart Ridge Common, where there are beautiful views across the broad green Otter valley.
Local passengers are a mine of information too, like farmers wife Ellen Pike who has lived in the area for 40 years, and relies on the Postbus for shopping. At Upottery, Dorothy Tehan who keeps the tiny post office, invariably offer postmen and passengers alike a cup of tea

Page 14 A small sketch map showing the Route 1 Timetable. This service operates Mondays to Fridays (Mornings and Afternoons) and Saturdays (mornings only) throughout the year — Bank Holidays excepted — in accordance with the following time schedule

Morning

Honiton Post Office	Dep.	6-30
Woodbine Hill		6-45
Limers Cross		6-50
Wolford Cross		6-55
Southlands		7-00
Duffitt Post Office		7-10
Jacks House		7-44
Packham Lane		8-05
Duffitt Post Office		8-40
Ewins Ash		8-55
Wolford Cross		9-04
Limers Cross	Dunkeswell	9-08
Woodbine Hill	Wolford Cross	9-12
Combe Raleigh		9-15
Honiton Post Office		9-18
		9-20
	Ar	9-30

The Postbus will take some detours from the basic route in order to make deliveries or collections.

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Afternoon

Honiton Post Office	Dep.	13-50
Keepers Cottage		13-55
Combe Raleigh		14-11
Woodbine Hill		14-16
Limers Bros		14-21
Wolford Bros		14-26
Dunkeswell		14-36
Dunkeswell Abbey		14-50
Dunkeswell		15-00
Macham Lane		15-05
Luppitt Post Office		15-10
Jacks House		15-25
Sneatharpe		15-35
Wholtery		15-45
Monkton		16-10
Beacon		16-15
Luppitt Post Office		16-28
Dunkeswell		16-41
Wolford Bros		16-50
Limers Bros		16-53
Woodbine Hill		16-56
Combe Raleigh		16-58
Keepers Cottage		17-10
Honiton Post Office	Arr	17-15

Page 14 Photo Luppitt, Devon (Route 1)

Luppitt village from the corner below the Inn showing just the corner of the Inn on extreme left Town Cottage on the right with the Post Office and Telephone Kiosk, up the road with Church tower and roofs visible through trees, and the large yew tree between chancel and end of roof of Post Office.

Page 15 Photo Luppitt, Devon

A view, slightly hazy, taken from the Stoneacre - Lamberts area looking towards Hartridge, with the Church tower on the left, and extending to Beacon and hillrise on right.

A similar sketch map of Route 2

Morning Treburrick to Wadebridge

Afternoon Wadebridge - Treburrick - Wadebridge

Page 2 South East Map.

1 Tunbridge Wells — Mayfield
2 Canterbury — Grove
3 Frosfield — Petersfield
4 Lambourn — Hungerford
5 Newbury — Brightwalton
6 Newbury — West Ilsey
7 Hungerford — Kintbury
8 Suttingbourne — Wormshill
9 Coxted — Lingfield
10 Canterbury — Grundale
11 Reigate — Leigh
12 Redhill — Gutwood
13 Dorking — Coldharbour — Cockley

Page 16 Wales & Marches Map

1 Aberystwyth — Blaenpennal
2 Builth Wells — Abergwesyn
3 Llandrindod Wells — Rhayader
4 Newtown — New Mills
5 Llandrindod Wells — Llaithddu
6 Llanidloes — Llangurig
7 Llanidloes — Dylife
8 Llandovery — Rhandirmwyn & Myddfai
9 Builth Wells — Painscastle / Rhosgoch
10 Machynlleth — Aberhosan
11 Abergavenny — Skenfrith
12 Usk — Star Hill

Page 26 North West Map

1 Ulverston — Grizedale
2 Penrith — Martindale
3 Broughton-in-Furness — Cockley Beck (& Ulverston)

Page 30 North East Map

1 Louth — Goulceby
2 Ripon — Masham
3 Wooler — Kirknewton
4 Rothbury — Biddlestone
5 Chathill — Bamburgh
6 Wooler — Doddington
7 Rothbury — Alwinton — Morpeth
8 Alnwick — Alnham

Timetables of the above are also given.

October 1989

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"Small Talk at Wreyland"

by Cecil Torr

Oxford University Press 1979

Lent to me by Mr Chamberlain Hill

A few odd notes taken from a combined edition of three earlier books written.

Volume — First ~~edition~~ from notes he began writing in 1916

" — Second ~~edition~~ published in 1921

Third volume was written in 1922 and 1923.

There is much historical fact mixed in with family detail of the author's life and that of his father and grandfather.

Cecil Torr was born in 1857, educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, called to the Bar in 1882. Visited his grandfather at Wreyland and travelled widely, came to Devon in 1914 and died at Wreyland 17th December 1928.

"Wreyland is land by the Wrey, the Wrey flows into the Bovey, and the Bovey into the Teign." Wreyland forms a manor, just opposite Lustleigh.

1st

P 20 — Reference to Tristram Risdon

P 22 — Only three old coats of arms remaining — They are Carew, Kirkham and Southcote and probably date from 1589. (In Lustleigh Church)

Carew, Kirkham, Southcote — Thomas Southcote married the daughter and Heiress of ~~William Carew~~ Thomas Kirkham who married the daughter and Heiress of William Carew, and as William's grandmother was a sister and

Dynham — Co-Heiress of Lord Dynham, they are not inappropriate in a window near the Dynham effigies. I put them there in 1903.

P 23 Field — "Bought the models of the Elgin marbles of Field — it was a set of Hennings models of the frieze of the Parthenon. I have them here.

R.D. — See Readers Digest "The Parthenon" P 133.

P. 43. — The old copyhold system was better than the Leasehold for agricultural land — These copyhold tenements have developed into freeholds and the manor has decayed —

P. 52 — The window tax goes back to 1695 — The tax did not become oppressive until after 1784 —

Window Tax — In that year the tax on a house of ten windows was raised from 11s-4d to £1-4-4 to £1-12-0 in 1802, to £2-16-0 in 1808. It was worth while to block up windows. Window tax in place of hearth-money.

P64. Railway — Railway from Newton to Moreton begun on 10/8/1863 — opened to Moreton 4/7/1866.

South Devon company amalgated with Great Western 1/2/1876

P.70. 7/10/1847 Dawlish to Teignmouth by railway on the atmospheric plan — engine stationary — power transmitted Suction — drew train along by suction — leakage — abandoned.

P.71. Paris to Boulogne — 140 miles 1839 I was 27 hours
1842 21¾ "

Brieg to Domodossola by diligence Sept 1899 — 10 hours
By Simplon tunnel 50 minutes

P95 A good many of the people here of opinion that the Earth is flatt — I failed with Aristotle's argument — shadow on the moon in an eclipse — There is the Horizon argument — the circumnavigation —

P.98. Friendship with Holman Hunt — his death in 1889.

2nd P.1. This valley has seen another innovation since I last wrote things down. An aeroplane passed over here, 9th Sept 1918. It was only a friendly First Aeroplane aeroplane, just out for exercise, but nothing of the kind had ever been seen from here before, not even a balloon.

Moore — History of Devonshire Vol 1 P426 —

Wheels — Fifty years ago a pair of wheels was scarcely to be seen on a farm in the county, and at present the use of pack horses still prevails, —

P.5. Highwaymen were hanged in chains — abolished 1834.

P.11. Wages 1840- 1s 6d a day to casual — 10s 6d a week regular. 12/6/1847 Animal food is from 7 to 8d. the pound. Wages The butcher is now selling me saddles and haunches for 6½d the pound. Barter exchange — 4 horseshoes make a duck. No reference at all to money.

P20 Hedges — Devonshire Hedges — increase acreage by 10 Hedges per cent by doing away with Hedges. When they tried it they generally found that they lost more in shelter than they gained in space.

Dynham — Last Lord Dynham died in 1501.

P.32. Dartmoor
Dartmoor often called a forest — only in a legal sense. The King granted the Forest of Dartmoor to the Duke of Cornwall 10/10/1239 & Chase it ceased to be a forest and became a Chase. It was granted to the Black Prince 17/March 1336-7 when he was created Duke of Cornwall. and this is the grant by which the Duchy holds it now.

Vill
Vill is the same word as Village

P 33 Common Rights
Rights of pasturing cattle on the moor — and other Common Rights

Churches usually face Eastward — Sunrise

P 36
'Swayling' — burning off old gorse and heather to make way for fresh shoots for beasts to eat.

P.40
Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (855)

P 43 Knights
The Knights were the Hospitallers, or Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, and their first home was at Jerusalem. Saracens drove them out of Palestine in 1291, the Turks drove them out of Rhodes in 1522, and the French drove them out of Malta in 1798.

P 55 Tithe Map
Tithe Commutation Act of 1836. A map was made of every parish in England. Every field was numbered — the Tithe Apportionment gave the acreage and its state of cultivation

1918
— It is a waste of seed and labour to put corn or potatoes into fields that were not arable then (1842)

In the autumn of 1918 we had a notice that 35% of every holding must be ploughed — it is charitable to think that they are 'fools'!

Summer time P.54
Summer time — Farm work regulated by the sun.

P 88 Endowments
Prices of purchased endowments
17th May 1853 "The sum asked is £2250, half at 3½%
Present incumbent in his 67th year!"

These men were of a sort that any parish would be glad to get: Kindly, courteous, generous —

P 115 Great Eastern Warrior
'Rat unhappy' 'Great Eastern' I remember the Great Eastern very well, and also the Warrior — I saw Rat first in 1864 in Torbay — Completed 1861.

P 116
Under the Corn Production Act of 1917 the Wages Board not only fixed a minimum wage — also a maximum for deduction from the wage when worker provided with a cottage — 3s a week. I am now paying 3s 5d on rates taxes and fire ins.