



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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LINDA AND TREVOR VOADEN - A FOND FAREWELL

The end of November saw the departure of Trevor and Linda Voaden from the Old Malt Scoop Inn after more than five years as Landlord and Landlady.

Those who know them, those people and events who have benefited from their support and generosity during their ownership of the pub and those who recognise the significant role a thriving pub makes to village life will join together in thanks for what they have achieved.

They bought the pub at a time when there was every chance it could close its doors for good and they transformed it with a comprehensive refurbishment including new high end en-suite guest rooms in a dilapidated former skittle alley, a standard of food and hospitality that has attracted people from way beyond the village and they created an essential social hub that has set a benchmark for those that follow.

We will miss them, but the good news is that they aren't moving too far away and we will no doubt see them in the Scoop from time to time, only on our side of the bar.

Trevor and Linda – Cheers!

Friends of the Old Malt Scoop Inn



Hope is seeing the light in spite of being surrounded by darkness

Desmond Tutu



With thanks to everyone in Lapford who has supported the community this difficult year

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

It is with regret, we have decided to suspend Sunday morning services at the church, as most of our congregation fall into the government's "vulnerable group of over 70s" with over 80s and mid 90s amongst us! As a church we feel we have a 'duty of care' to our older members even though they might be prepared to take the risk! To make up for no 'live' service, Rev. Caroline is broadcasting a message each Sunday morning, at 11.00a.m, on the church Facebook page 'Lapford Congregational Church'. All are welcome to tune in.



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Please visit our website, www.lapfordcc.org.uk for information about the Foodbank and The Ark. You will also find lots of information about Church activities and on-line services.

LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Please make a note of our new email address:

lapfordlookout@gmail.com

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NEWS FROM ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

We are extremely grateful to everybody who helped to make our Act of Remembrance as 'normal' as possible and in the best of Lapford traditions. We estimated some 65 adults and 15 children were present for all or part of it.

We will have been keeping the church open for private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout November, but hopefully by the time you read this we will have been able to resume our services from December 6th as below:

December 6 th	Advent 2 - 9.30 a.m. - Lay led Morning Prayer
December 13 th	Advent 3 - 9.30 a.m. - Lay led Morning Prayer
December 20 th	Advent 4 - 9.30 a.m. - Lay led Morning Prayer
December 25th	Christmas Day - see separate notice opposite
December 27 th	No service



LAPFORD LOOKOUT **DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR** **December 2020**



5th	Christmas Fayre at The Ark 10-1pm
8th	The Ark reopens (stc)
10th	Early copy deadline for January issue of The Lapford Lookout
29th	Patronal Festival of St. Thomas of Canterbury

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I am sure we can all say that 2020 has been a very strange year and one that people would not like to repeat. Covid, on top of the ups and downs of normal life can be trying enough but the isolation has been even more difficult and stressful for the elderly and those facing it alone.

Here is hoping that Christmas can be celebrated together as complete families although it may be far from normal. I hope each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Beccy Fletcher



LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.



A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

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Christmas at the Parish Church

Unless there is a *complete* relaxation of all the Covid-19 restrictions, we very much regret we cannot see how to safely hold the traditional Lapford Crib Service on Christmas Eve whilst maintaining social and household distancing. Instead, there will be:

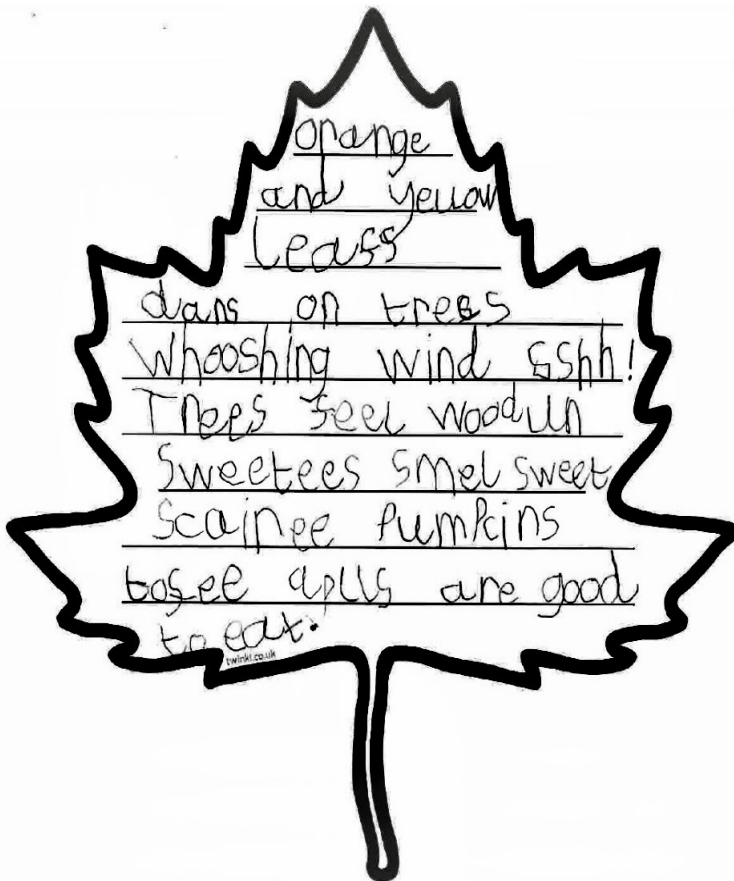
CHRISTMAS DAY – 10.30 a.m. COMBINED CRIB AND CAROLS SERVICE with FAMILY EUCHARIST

This service will include the building of the crib as well as an opportunity to hear (and hum along to) many of the traditional carols, sung by soloists. There will be no sermon, and our precautions of masks and social distancing between households will apply.

LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Here are a couple pieces of creative writing by Lapford Community Primary School on the theme of Autumn.



The Magical Bonfire Night Box

I will put in the box
A sparkler from a sizzling sparkler
A dash from a fluorescent glowstick
And a big banging bang from a sizzling firework
I will put in the box
A slice of a black burning burger
humming clouds of grey smoke
And a piece of crispy chip
I will put in the box
The pop bang and crash of colorful fireworks
The high pitched voice of children shouting and scream
The crackles and pops from the big beautiful bonfire

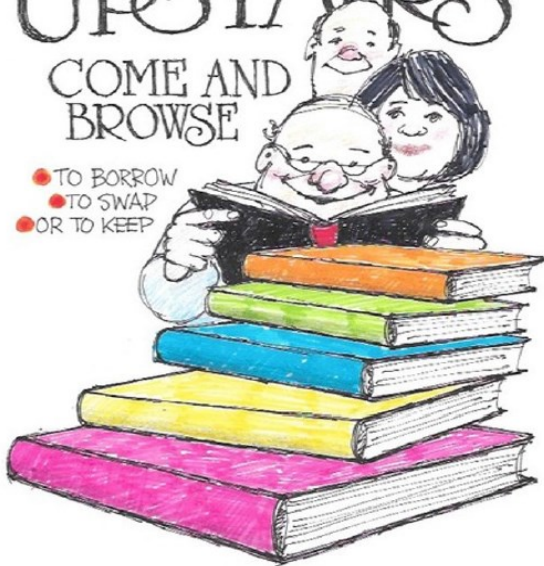


The Ark is open on
Tuesdays and Fridays
11.00 to 2.00.
Arrangements can be
made for access at other
times

BOOKS UPSTAIRS

COME AND
BROWSE

- TO BORROW
- TO SWAP
- OR TO KEEP



Christmas Fayre

(Proceeds to the foodbank)

Saturday 5th December 2020

10.00-1.00 PM

At The Ark

We will be serving takeaway Coffee, Tea,
Hot Chocolate & Cake

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies also available

Come and buy your

Christmas gifts, Christmas Decorations,

Cakes, Jams, Honey & Preserves



CHAT

Our Support and Advice team work to prevent homelessness throughout Mid Devon providing free, impartial and confidential housing advice, tenancy support and debt and money advice. We help people who are threatened with homelessness to keep their accommodation and work with those who are homeless to find secure accommodation.



New Debt and Money Centre in Crediton, coming soon.

CHAT believes that everybody is entitled to decent, secure and affordable accommodation – somewhere to call home.

If you need help with housing, money issues or know somebody who might benefit from the services CHAT offers, please phone, email to arrange an appointment or contact us at the address below.

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Mark Bailey

LOG FIRES

Beech wood fires are bright
and clear,
if the logs are kept a year.
Chestnut is only good, they say,
if for long it is laid away.
But ash wood new or ash wood old,
is fit for a queen with a crown of gold.
Birch and fir logs burn too fast,
blaze up bright but do not last.
It is by Irish people said,
that hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.
Elm wood burns like churchyard mould,
even the very flames are cold.
But ash wood green and ash wood brown,
is fit for a queen with a golden crown.
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
fills your eyes and makes you choke.
Apple wood will scent your room,
with an incense-like perfume.
Oaken logs if dry and old,
keep away the winter's cold.
But ash wood wet and ash wood dry,
a king shall warm his slippers by!



This was found in the back of a 1920s copy of Mrs Beeton's Cook Book.

Bill Graham

LAPFORD OVER 60s

Dear Lapford Over 60s Members.

We were unfortunately unable to pursue our programme of meetings and outings this year. Our annual Christmas Party at the Waie Inn also had to be cancelled.



The committee and I hope you are all well, and we would like to wish you all a Peaceful Christmas, and a contented New Year.

Hope to see you all again sometime in 2021,

Ron Kercher,
Chairman.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN LAPFORD

Calendars make lovely gifts and this year we have been spoilt with a choice of two!

The Friends of St Thomas are offering their Lapford Calendar 2021, which costs £7.50, and a few are still available at the Parish Church, The ARK and SPAR, or call Ron on 07376 094090.

Also Karen Burrows has been selling a calendar of her own photographs of Devon to raise funds for FORCE. She will let us know how much has been raised in due course.

What great opportunities to
"Keep it Local"!



LETTER FROM THE ARK

The "W" in Christmas.

Each December I vow to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking and over spending. Yet still I found myself exhausted and unable to appreciate precious family moments and the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in Pre-school that year. It was an exciting time for a four year old.

For weeks he'd been memorising the songs for his school's "Christmas Celebration." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working that night. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke to the class teacher and she said there would be a dress rehearsal in the morning, which parents who were unable to attend the evening performance were welcome to come to. Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I went in ten minutes early and found myself a place to sit. As I waited, the children began to come in. Each class accompanied by their teacher, sat cross legged on the floor. Then one by one, they rose to perform their songs. Because the school had long since stopped referring to the holidays as Christmas, I was slightly surprised when my son's class stood up to sing "Christmas Love". Nicholas was aglow, as were his classmates, dressed in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters and bright coloured hats. Those in front held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. The performance was going smoothly until we noticed her, a small quiet girl holding her letter "M" upside down, unaware that her letter appeared as a "W". The older children sniggered, teachers tried to get them to be quiet. She stood tall proudly holding her letter. Then the last letter was raised and we all saw it together, a hush came over the audience.

In an instant we understood the reason why we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message rang loud and clear

CHRIST WAS LOVE and He still is."

That story reminds me of Christmas performances I have seen, the things that are always remembered are the things that go wrong, yet have an amazing way of making the performance magical.

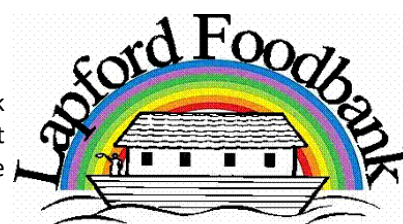
One Thursday morning in November a delivery van pulled up outside the ARK and began to unload its boxes. The ARK had not ordered anything from this particular supermarket, but the driver insisted that the delivery was for the ARK. Boxes kept appearing in the doorway to be unloaded. The tables and floor were soon covered with all sorts of food items. It was such a generous donation of food for which we are immensely grateful. I went around with a smile on my face for ages once we had managed to store it all away. Thank you is not enough, but we are so blessed to have had such a huge donation. We would like to be able to thank people personally, but that is not possible, so we are using the Lookout to say a very big thank you to everyone who has donated to the Foodbank over these really difficult times.

Thank you so, so much.

In some ways the ARK has had it's fair share of things that didn't quite go to plan, we were looking forward to opening in November but unfortunately we were blessed with another lockdown. We now plan to open again on Tuesday 8 December, Friday 11 December, Tuesday 15 December, Friday 18 December and Tuesday 22 December. We will also be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 5 December, 10 - 1, at the ARK.

We look forward to seeing you at the ARK again, come and have a mince pie and coffee with us, make time and come for a chat with friends. We are open 10 - 2pm.

The Ladies at The ARK



Joy Abbott



would like to wish all her friends a
Very Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year

Fred and Sheila Leach

won't be sending Christmas cards this year
but would love to wish all their
family and friends
a Very Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year



CHULMLEIGH FLORAL ART CLUB

We would like to send our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to all our members and friends. We sincerely hope that in 2021 we WILL be able to meet again and enjoy the friendship of our Club.



For further information please contact:
Joan Rowland 01769 581241

WANTED

Part time cleaner wanted in Lapford.

3-4 Hours per week
£10 per hour
Call: 07747 334455

Nick



VICTORY HALL REPORT

The committee is so pleased with how Lower Town Place looks now that it has been turfed and fenced. A beautiful centre to our village and surround for the Victory Hall.

A hedgehog hibernaculum has been created in one corner. If you would like to visit, we ask that you don't disturb the area for these fabulous and shy creatures. We are hoping that now the area is open to all, everyone will appreciate what a wonderful asset this is.

HALL USERS.

Although we did have 2 users in mid-August, these had to stop in full lockdown. Unfortunately the Short Mat Bowls club that has been using the Hall for many years has folded which is a shame and probably a sign of the times.

The hall is still available to hire but each booking is subject to a risk assessment in line with Covid 19 requirements. We are hoping with a vaccine and better weather we will welcome back hall users soon.

Jane Epstein, Secretary

NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE



Donations can be made at
Boniface Centre, Crediton,
on Tuesday 2nd February 2021,
Wednesday 3rd or
Tuesday 16th March 2021
at 13:10 to 19:15



Call the donor helpline on 0300 123 23 23
for more information or to check for cancellations

Do something amazing - Give Blood!

POPPY APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Lapford SPAR Garage, Lapford Post Office, Lapford School, West Ridge Veterinary Practice, The Ark, and The Old Malt Scoop for hosting collecting boxes this year and to everyone who made donations, whether in Lapford or elsewhere. A special mention must go to Marion Born who was creative to allow residents of Coldridge, East Leigh and Nymet Rowland the opportunity to donate locally this year. Thanks also to everyone who made donations for wreaths and posies.

Unfortunately I am unable to advise you of our local total as, at the time of writing, all the monies have not yet been counted due to Coronavirus restrictions. I will let you know as soon as I am able.

Caroline Noon, Poppy Appeal Organiser.



Photo courtesy of David Garton

PATRONAL FESTIVAL of

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
29th DECEMBER 2020

This year is the 850th anniversary of his murder
in Canterbury Cathedral.

There will be a special commemorative service in the
Parish Church on SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY at 10.30 a.m.

The service will be led by
the Bishop of Crediton, Rev Jackie Searle.

LETTER TO HELEN

I have been most interested in the articles on hedgehogs in recent Lapford Lookouts Helen, as I have had a hedgehog house in my garden for a number of years now. This year I have seen three hedgehogs around it, one a baby hog. I looked up online, and it said one should clear out the old nesting material in October, prior to them hibernating in November, and this I did, but now there is no sign of them and I wonder if I did wrong and should just have left all the leaves etc. I should appreciate your opinion.

Jenny Gray



WILD LAPFORD: ROBIN REDBREAST



The robin has been voted the UK's favourite bird - with its bright red breast it is a familiar visitor throughout the year and is particularly associated with Christmas.

Male and female robins are practically identical, while juveniles have golden brown spots. At about 3 months old, the orange feathers start to develop under the chin and gradually descend down to form the familiar red breast. Each red breast is slightly different so individual robins can be identified with careful attention to detail.

Robins are year-round songbirds and are often one of the earliest participants in the dawn chorus. They are so sensitive to light that they will often sing at night next to street lights or on bright moonlit nights.

Despite their cute appearance, male robins are aggressively territorial. They will fiercely attack other males that stray into their territories. There have even been reports of robins attacking their own reflection. Territorial disputes sometimes lead to fatalities, these account for up to 10% of adult robin deaths.

The female robin builds a cup shaped nest. She chooses from a wide variety of sites, anything that can offer some shelter is considered. Natural sites include crevices and sheltered banks but robins are not averse to making use of manmade objects. In our garden, a robin usually builds a nest in a plant pot in our wood shed, even though we have an open fronted nest box specifically for robins in the garden that is completely ignored. The nest itself is constructed with moss, leaves and grass, lined with fine grass, hair and feathers. We also leave dog hair out in the garden for the birds in the nesting season which usually starts in March, or February if the winter is mild.

During courtship and egg laying, the male supplies more than a third of his mate's food. This extra food can make a difference to the clutch size which is normally between 4-6 eggs, with one egg laid each day. Once the clutch is complete, the 13-day incubation is carried out solely by the female. When the chicks hatch, they are feather-less and are totally dependent on both parents. At three days old feathers start to grow and at five days the eyes start to open. At about 10 days old the young robins will be fully feathered, but they won't fledge until their flight feathers have fully developed at 14 days. Once they have fledged, the parents continue to look after them for another 3 weeks. The female begins the process of egg laying again and will usually have 2-3 broods during the breeding season that extends to the end of July. It is estimated that only 50% of eggs result in fledged youngsters.

The robin is primarily a ground feeder and its natural diet comprises of worms, seeds, fruits, insects and other invertebrates. In our garden, we supplement the robin's diet with sunflower seeds and meal worms left on the bird table, but we are careful to not let the hedgehogs get the left-over meal worms as they are harmful to them.

The robin is relatively unafraid of people and is particularly drawn to activities that involve digging soil, in order to look out for earthworms and other freshly turned up bugs. It is not uncommon for robins to take food from a person's hand. The robin that nests in our wood shed follows us all over the garden when we are outside.

Originally known as just redbreast, "robin" was added by the Victorians who liked to give names to birds (which is also where Jenny Wren came from). More commonly now, this little bird is known simply as a robin. There is a considerable amount of folklore surrounding the robin, but why are they associated with Christmas? In one tale, it is said that when Mary was giving birth to baby Jesus in the stable, the fire that they had lit to stay warm was in danger of going out. Suddenly, a small brown bird appeared and started flapping its wings in front of the fire, causing it to roar back to life. However, as the bird flew around tending to the fire, a stray ember made its way towards the bird, scorching its breast bright red. Seeing this, Mary declared that the red breast was a sign of the bird's kind heart, which would pass on to its descendants to wear proudly forevermore.

Happy Christmas!

For photos and videos of the local flora and fauna search for "Wild Lapford" on Facebook and join the group for regular updates. Many thanks to Rebecca Holley for the artwork.

Helen Greensmith (helengreensmith@hotmail.com)

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PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD IN THREE EASY STEPS

1. CREATE A SEPARATE PASSWORD FOR YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT

Your personal email account contains lots of important information about you and is the gateway to all your other online accounts, including banking, social media and online shopping.

If your email account is hacked all your other passwords can be reset, so use a strong password that is **different** to all your others.

2. USE 3 RANDOM WORDS

Weak passwords can be hacked in seconds. Three random words is the recommended way of generating passwords, as it is easier to remember and takes trillions of years for a computer algorithm to crack.

Start with your most important accounts (such as **email**, then **banking** and **social media**) and replace your old passwords with new ones.

The Police Digital Security Centre (PDSC) recommend looking around the room and picking three things you see, for example table, computer, map would become tablecomputermap – DO NOT use words that are associated with you for example animal names or surnames, as these are easy to identify if you are someone who uses social media.

Some accounts require more than just 3 words to increase the strength of the password. The animation below shows how you can easily extend your 3 words with numbers, capitals and characters and still keep it memorable.

3. TURN ON TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (2FA)

Two-factor authentication (2FA) is a free security feature that gives you an **extra layer of protection** online and stops cyber criminals getting into your accounts - even if they have your password.

2FA reduces the risk of being hacked by asking you to provide a second factor of information, such as getting a text or code when you log in, to check you are who you say you are.

Check if the online services and apps you use offer 2FA – it's also called two-step verification or multi-factor authentication. If they do, turn it on. Start with the accounts you care most about, such as your email and social media.

Banking: Your bank automatically carries out an extra security check if you use online banking, so you don't need to turn this on yourself. However, you should check that your bank has your correct phone number so they're able to text a code to your mobile or call your landline to confirm it's you.

For more easy to understand information on 2FA have a look at [Avast Cyberhood Watch's What is Two-Factor Authentication.](#)

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Visit [CyberAware](#) for UK government's advice on how to stay secure online during coronavirus.

Visit [Cyberhood Watch](#) page to learn more about the cybersecurity risks that exist every time we go online, and discover which regions of the UK are the most at risk. Learn more about the [Cyberhood Watch partnership](#) between Avast and Neighbourhood Watch.

Visit [PDSC](#), a not-for-profit organisation, owned by the police, that works across the UK in partnership with industry, government, academia and law enforcement. They believe the majority of cyber crime can be prevented by taking a few simple steps to protect your organisation. All their advice and guidance is consistent with the [National Cyber Security Centre \(NCSC\)](#).

Shared on behalf of the **PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0Rd** campaign by the Neighbourhood Watch.

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THE BONIFACE HERITAGE TRAIL

You may have noticed a series of beautiful stained-glass panels which appeared around Crediton just before lockdown. The eight panels, situated outside churches and at other key locations around the town, tell the story of St Boniface, Crediton's most famous son. Beginning at St Lawrence Green and ending at the Roman Catholic Church, the trail of panels was designed to raise awareness about St Boniface among locals as well as to encourage visitors to explore the town.

So who was Boniface? Born in Crediton in the year 680, his father was a Saxon nobleman, his mother an educated Celt, so young Boniface was raised as a Christian in a household of learning. After an early education at the Benedictine monastery in Exeter, he studied further at Nursling Abbey near Southampton, where later, at the age of 30, he was offered the post of Abbot.

Instead of taking the job he decided to travel. After travelling to Rome and being appointed and tasked by Pope Gregory, Boniface began working in what is now Germany, France and the Netherlands, then huge and largely ungoverned areas of lawless countryside.

Boniface built schools, set up churches, taught open-air lessons, founded monasteries and convents, which were often the only source of learning in those days. Later, he crowned Pepin, the first-ever King of France. Today, over a thousand years later he is still a well-known and revered figure in Germany, France and The Netherlands.

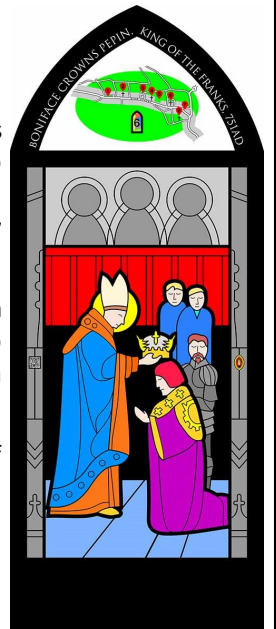
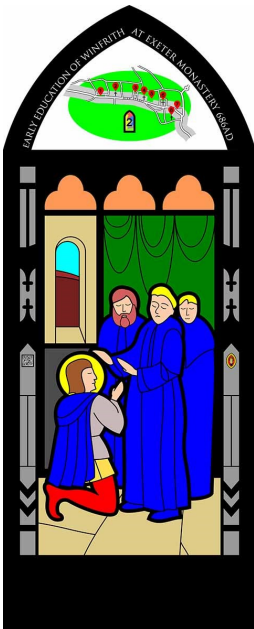
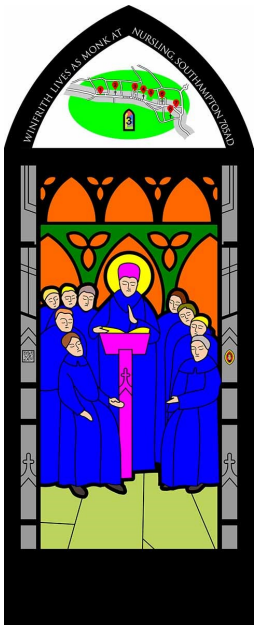
In 754 AD aged almost 80 he set off on his final perilous mission with only a small band of followers. Whilst making camp near Dokkum in northern Friesland on 5th June, they were slaughtered by marauders. Boniface died a martyr's death. His body was recovered by his Benedictine brothers and conveyed down the Rhine to Mainz where it was eventually laid to rest in a sacred shrine in Fulda Abbey in Hesse, Germany. Boniface became revered as the Apostle of Germany and is now known as the Patron Saint of Devon and Crediton.

Each glass panel on the trail shows a key moment from St Boniface's life. On each sign you will also see a QR code which can be scanned for more information. So next time you have time to spare, or a visitor to show around, why not take a walk along the Boniface Heritage Trail?

It takes about 40 minutes to safely walk around all eight panels. At the edge of each sign there is embedded in the armoured glass a QR code; anyone with a smart phone can just scan the QR code and it will take them to a website with more historical information related to that sign, in English, Dutch and German.

The Heritage Trail was developed by Crediton Town Team, with support from many local groups and volunteers, including Colebrooke artist Charlotte Turner, who designed the images on the panels. The project was funded by the European Union's LEADER fund, with help from Crediton Town Council and Crediton Chamber of Commerce.

Rod Brookes Hocking, Project Coordinator



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- We will be introducing a new loyalty voucher offering 25% off your next meal, food only, if you return within 30 days.

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Stay safe and well. Bob and Kate.

CHOOSE AND CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

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Fri 11th, Sat 12th & Sun 13th Dec
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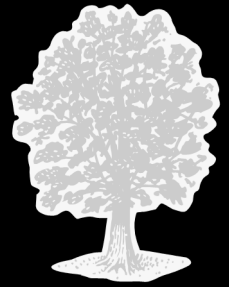
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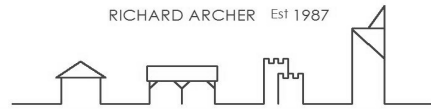
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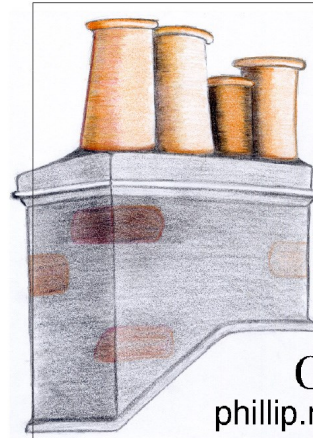
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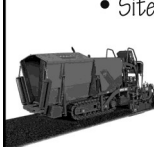


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The edges were filled with the removed earth and topped with turf insulating the house.



Pictured right (L-R) Peter Totterdill, Helen Greensmith, James Bowles, Andy Epstein.
Photos Rosemary Exton.

Hopefully a plethora of slow worms and frogs will move in during the spring and fingers crossed for some (not) common lizards!

Thanks to Andy Epstein for donating logs, rocks, and the downpipes; to Rosemary Exton and Peter Totterdill for collecting lots of sticks and leaves. Huge thanks to James Bowles for his back breaking digging of the pit and donating his plywood stock.

Helen Greensmith



EARL OF PORTSMOUTH PRESERVATION SOCIETY



The community of Chawleigh learned in late June this year that, from having two thriving pubs just a few years ago, we might have none by the end of this year. The Earl of Portsmouth had closed last November and there was an application to allow it to be turned into housing. The owner of the Royal Oak wrote that the future of that pub was in doubt.

Our community got together to oppose the change of use and to ask the MDDC to make the Earl an Asset of Community Value (ACV), which it did in August. The community has until 25th February to make an offer to the owner of the Earl to purchase the property with the intension to re-open as a Community Pub; that is a pub owned by the community and run for the community.

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LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB



Well, this has been a year we'd rather forget. It started sadly with a few long term members moving away from the village, nevertheless some new members joined us which is always good to see and when meetings restart we will always have room for more. Following the February meeting the country was put on lockdown and regulations prevented us holding our monthly meetings, with the exception of the August meeting which was a very enjoyable visit to a member's garden with a cream tea.

As I write this we are in the November lockdown and all meetings have continued to be cancelled.

Our three annual shows had to be cancelled as well, although we were able to hold our annual club plant competition which is where we provide members with a seed potato (this year the variety was Wilja) and a 30cm flower pot. The member who grows the greatest weight of potatoes wins. Congratulations are due to Pat West who won first prize this year and has been presented with the silver salver.

Due to the postponed meetings, most of the speakers we had organised are all willing to return when the pandemic subsides, hopefully next year, but we won't be able to organise anything concrete until the way is clearer. As soon as we are able we will publish a plan for meetings to resume, which will include an EGM to replace the AGM which is held every November.

I am sorry if this is such a negative report, but it is difficult to say much that has been positive this year. Happy Christmas everybody, and hopefully there will be better news for 2021.

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Then the first lockdown was implemented and Dartmoor became a no-go area. Finally, after lockdown rules were relaxed, I found the time to get out there and planned my trip for 8th October 2020. My pack was prepared with equipment and food and I was ready to go. The night before I went I looked at the Ministry of Defence website to check that no army manoeuvres were planned for the next day, only to find that they were. All three areas (Okehampton, Merrivale and Willsworthy) were out of bounds to me during the day and Merrivale was booked for night firing.



As I had planned my route to start at Rowtor car park (at the top of Tors Road, Okehampton) and then a walk up Rowtor, followed by West Mill Tor and spending the night at Yes Tor, I had to change my plan as these tors were all in the Okehampton firing range.

I kept to the plan to leave the car at Rowtor car park, but walked to the left instead of right. I walked about one and a half miles to Higher Tor. The route I took was partly along the side of a beautiful little river followed by a slight incline until I reached my destination. Higher Tor has three granite stacks, and beside the first one I reached I found a flat area of short grass out of the biting wind, perfect to pitch the tent. The only problem was the area was covered in sheep poo. Using my trowel, I spent half an hour scraping it away and, having made a cup of coffee, I set about pitching my tent which took about 10 minutes. There was no phone signal so I typed a text to let my wife know I had arrived safely, but this didn't send until the morning when I arrived back at the car.

I went for a short walk, which was a great deal easier without my back pack weighing me down, and arrived at a stone wall called Irishman's Wall which separates Higher Tor from Belstone Tor. I also met a number of cows including a calf with it's umbilicus still in place, cute! Returning to my tent, it was late afternoon so I sat on a rock and read my Kindle. I was surprised at the number of dog walkers who passed. Where they came from and where they were going to was a mystery to me but they all stopped for a chat, which was nice.

About 7 p.m. I cooked myself a couple of burgers on my little gas stove and watched the sun set behind Yes Tor, then retired to the tent for the night. I spent the evening listening to 1950s radio programmes and reading, then settled down to sleep. My sleeping system was so comfortable, except my pillow which will need some attention before my next trip, for which it looks like I shall have to wait until December. I woke a few times during the night but went back to sleep again, the wind changed and I was no longer sheltered, but the tent was quiet despite the wind. I arose around 8 a.m. and watched the sun rise over Cosden Hill while cooking some bacon. I had buttered four slices of bread which were sitting on a rock waiting to be filled with the bacon when a gust of wind blew them butter side down onto a pile of sheep poo. My breakfast was coffee and bacon without the bread. I went for another walk, climbed the granite piles admiring and photographing the views, then returned to my tent to find that the dew hadn't evaporated so I just packed it up wet.

All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip, surrounded by the beautiful Dartmoor scenery and views as far as Exmoor. Was it cold at night? No, it was nice and snug in my tent and 3 to 4 season sleeping bag.



If you like your own company, I can recommend a night spent on the moors. So long as you are able to use a map and compass and are prepared for anything the moors can throw at you particularly as regards the weather, then there is nothing quite like it.

Richard Hassett

LAPFORD YOUTH AND PLAYING FIELD TRUST (LYPFT)

Following the LYPFT AGM on 14th October we are happy to announce that we have a new Committee: Helen Greensmith (Chair), Roy Andrews (Secretary), Marilyn Davey (Treasurer), James Bowles, Chris Bundy, Donna Egan, Pat Gowie, Malcolm Hayes, Brian Madge, Erika Osborne and Peter Rice.

I would like to welcome the new members and am very grateful to those members that have remained with us this year. I'd also like to formally thank the former Committee members who have resigned in the last 12 months: David Garton, Caroline Gilpin, Peter Lacey and Karen Garton for their hard work over previous years.

We'd love to hear your ideas on what we can do to improve the playing field and its facilities. We'd also like your fund-raising ideas for the maintenance and improvements to the playing field.

Myself (helengreensmith@hotmail.com) and Roy (roy.andrews1950@icloud.com) are the new contacts for the LYPFT. Looking forward to hearing your feedback and ideas!

Helen Greensmith



Lapford Voluntary Car Aid 2011

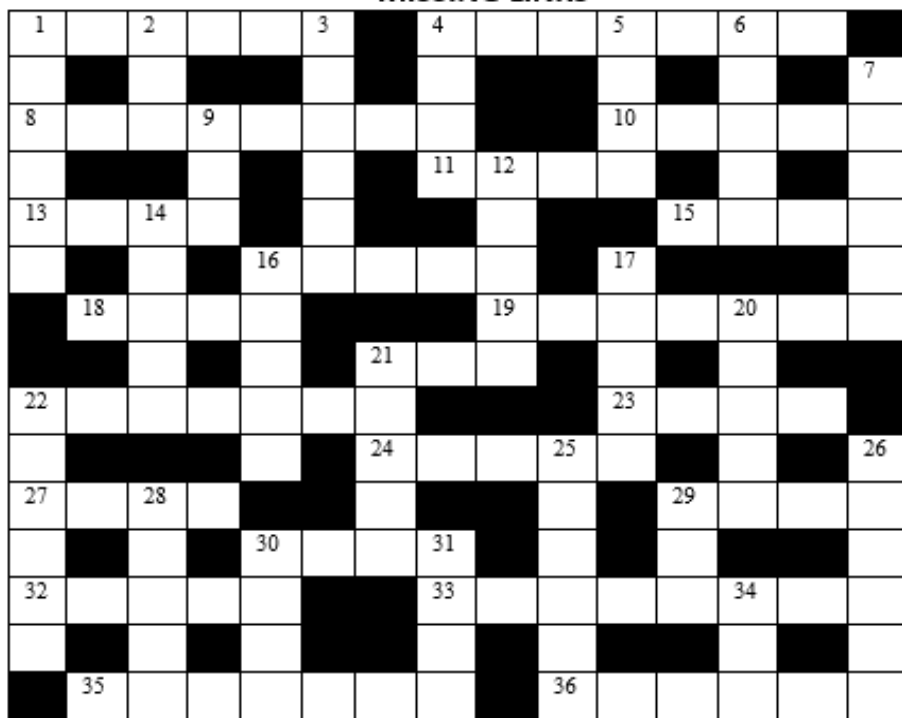
NEED TRANSPORT TO YOUR SURGERY APPOINTMENT?

Lapford Voluntary Car Aid provides the residents of the village (including friends and family staying with you) with courteous, reliable, fully insured drivers to get you to your appointment safely and on time. Bookings can be made, by telephoning Grace Hill on 83178. Current fares for the services covered are as follows:

- Bow Medical Centre - £5
- Chiddenbrook Health Centre - £5
- Chulmleigh Dental Practice - £5
- Chulmleigh Health Centre - £5
- Crediton (Breast Screening) - £6
- Crediton Community Hospital - £5
- Morchard Bishop Surgery - £3
- New Valley Health Centre - £6
- Winkleigh Surgery - £5

PUZZLE CORNER

MISSING LINKS



Across

- 1 AGENT – BALLOT – SOCIETY (6)
- 4 CHEESE – HOSPITAL - INDUSTRY (7)
- 8 CHARGED – DUST – SUBATOMIC (8)
- 10 DOME – PHYSICS – TURF (5)
- 11 CHIEF – HORSE – ROUND (4)
- 13 FROG – QUANTUM – YEAR (4)
- 15 END – FRIENDLY – GROUP (4)
- 16 AIR – SEARCH – TEASE (5)
- 18 BANANA – DEEP – FLINT (4)
- 19 BIGGER – HOOK – POSTCARD (7)
- 21 BAND – PAGE – TOM (3)
- 22 CIRCUIT – HOUSE – ICE (7)
- 23 LADDER – SKIPPING – TIGHT (4)
- 24 BAND – COOPER – SPRINGS (5)
- 27 BUSY – DOGS – GUARD (4)
- 29 BEAT – EYE – HIGH (4)
- 30 AWAY – IRON – TYPE (4)
- 32 BOX – PACKED – WORKING (5)
- 33 FLIGHT – TAPE – VIDEO (8)
- 35 DOUBLE – TEST – TWENTIETH (7)
- 36 FLAG – HAIL – ROLLING (6)

Down

- 1 BLOOD – CHAIN – POWER (6)
- 2 CABLE – PARK – WASH (3)
- 3 INSPECTOR – MEAL – RETURN (6)
- 4 CABIN – CUT – GROUND (4)
- 5 CLAP – DOOR – SPEED (4)
- 6 FACTORY – FLOOD – SLUICE (5)
- 7 ASSULT – COLLISION – RACE (6)
- 9 MIXER – ROOT – SHOE (3)
- 12 BIRTHDAY – HOUR – MEDIUM (5)
- 14 LENGTH – SOCKS – TWISTED (5)
- 16 BITE – GRASS – RATTLE (5)
- 17 BOARD – CARD – LINE (5)
- 20 CASE – CLASS – CRUST (5)
- 21 BAND – MONKEY – TACKS (5)
- 22 BATH – GUM – SPEECH (6)
- 25 CLOWN – FLEA – RING (6)
- 26 ACADEMY – BRIT – CEREMONY (6)
- 28 BAND – FAN - FOLK (5)
- 29 BELL – SPACE – WINE (3)
- 30 BACK – SHOW – UP (4)
- 31 ASH – BAKING – TEA (4)
- 34 DIRTY – DRAGONS' – OPIUM (3)



RAIL NEWS



At the time of writing this update we can only say that we are 'highly optimistic' that the December timetable changes will include introducing a Lapford stop to the first Exeter train in the morning (around 7 o'clock) and to seeing some improvements in the Saturday service to bring it in line with the weekday service. Stopping the first train opens huge new opportunities both for long distance travellers connecting into earlier London and Plymouth trains but also for students/workers simply needing to be in Exeter before 9 o'clock. This early train will reach St David's just after 07.30, allowing connections out to the

business areas of Digby and Sowton before 08.00. Hopefully we will be able to confirm this good news in the January Lookout but, in the meantime, check www.nationalrail.co.uk for latest service information.

As Covid travel restrictions will doubtless come and go through the winter months, remember that there is a huge amount of 'essential' retail right outside Barnstaple station; not least a huge Tesco Extra as well as an Asda. Train staff will not challenge why you are travelling – that would ultimately be a job for the British Transport Police who, frankly, have better things to do than check -up on the legitimacy of train travellers going to Barnstaple!

Finally, having mentioned last month that the railway authorities were looking at finding a safer walking route to the station, we can report that a grant application has already been made to carry out some initial investigations and possible minor works. Realistically, major works of this kind may take a year or two to organise and fund but at least we are making a start. All good news for future rail travel to and from Lapford.

In the meantime, remember the motto 'Use it or Lose it'. GWR are monitoring how many people are using the new services in order to justify future changes. We are already up to 25% of the level of use of Morchard Road even with only around half the trains stopping so let's, as a village, keep up the momentum and always consider the train for our trips into Exeter, Barnstaple and beyond.

Lapford Parish Council Regeneration Committee

MONA HOPKINS

13.02.1935 – 10.11.2020

Mona passed away on 10th November at Hatchmoor Nursing Home after suffering with vascular dementia for the past six and a half years. Despite the lockdown Terry and Jenny were able to be by her side.

Many of you will know Mona. She was born and grew up in Nymet Rowland with her brothers Arthur and Roy, and then after she married Philip they moved in to one of the newly built houses in Prospect Way where Terry was born. This was Mona's home until she went into care.

Mona always lived and worked within a five mile radius of Lapford. She first worked in Coldridge Post Office and Village Shop and then, once married, in Lapford Village shop. Many of you will remember her as a Meal Time Assistant and Cleaner at Lapford School where she worked for 27 years until she retired aged 79 at the beginning of her illness. She also used to be a home help to many village residents.

Mona had many friends who enjoyed a laugh on the Over 60's outings with her. She was very creative and loved her knitting and tapestries. She also loved her garden joining in the open gardens on many occasions.

We all miss seeing her walking her dog around the village or riding her bike – she was a true Lapford local. She was a great Mum, Nanny, sister and friend who has given us all many happy memories.

Jenny Hopkins



Christmas Colouring Page



LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES NOVEMBER 2020

Please note this is a summary of the main points of interest. A copy of the draft minutes will be made available on the Parish Council's website (www.lapfordparishcouncil.btcj.co.uk) and on the notice board in the Orchard Centre and in the Ark.

The Parish Council met via Zoom on 3rd November.

Seven members of the public attended.

- The draft agreement between Heart of Lapford Development and the Parish Council was still under consideration.
- Arrangements for the Remembrance Service on the Church Green were agreed.
- District Cllr Clive Eginton reported that the MDDC budget would be revised as a seven-figure shortfall was predicted. Covid emergency small business grants will be available via the MDDC.
- Lapford Church Green Trustees reported an increase in the annual insurance costs due to an increase in the amount of cover. A gated entranceway would be created between the Green and Lower Town Place. It was hoped that work to restore the bank between the Green and LTP would begin in the Spring.
- Heart of Lapford Development reported that Lower Town Place was now open and in use. The Youth Club Management Committee were of the opinion that 80% of the target set out in the YCMC/Hold agreement had therefore been met.
- Lapford Emergency Action Plan Committee had met. It was in contact with the Devon Air Ambulance Trust re the extension of village winter gritting services up to the School.
- The Regeneration Committee was still exploring the question of lighting on the A377. Extra rail services were now in place.
- Planning: 20/01155/HOUSE Blossom Court; application supported.
- 20/01119/HOUSE Broomsmead Farmhouse; application supported.
- 19/01801/FULL erection of 7 dwellings, Yeo Vale Hotel; application supported with a request that pedestrian road safety issues on the A377 be addressed.
- 20/01155 Garden room at 3, Bridge Cottages; Planning refusal noted.
- The village website was being improved. It had been used extensively during the Covid emergency.
- The Boundary Commission proposed revised change to Taw Vale ward to include both Wembworthy and Nymet Rowland was supported.
- Dog poo on paths and pavements was becoming an issue once again. Posters to be put up reminding dog owners of their duty to clear up after their pets.
- The Allotment field now belongs to the Allotment Society. All plots are occupied and there is a waiting list.
- Non-functioning streetlights in the village to be reported to DCC.

Date of next meeting 1st December 2020 at 7-30pm; via Zoom

ELECTRICAL WASTE RECYCLING

Residents can now put out small electrical items, also known as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), with their kerbside recycling boxes.

Along with cardboard, cartons, mobile phones, ink cartridges and toners, old electrical items no bigger than the volume of a plastic carrier bag can be placed in the green recycling box for collection, or by its side if space is limited.

For a full list of all small WEEE items that will be accepted, visit middevon.gov.uk/SmallElectricals.

As technology evolves, the speed at which existing electronic and electrical items depreciate is rapid, invariably leaving older items being left unwanted. Many of these items contain valuable plastics and metals, and with natural resources in limited supply combined with soaring waste disposal costs, it is important that residents recycle them so that they can be used in new products.

The Council would therefore like to encourage residents to recycle any small electrical items using their kerbside collection service, on the proviso that items are put out 'little and often', due to the finite space on board the collection vehicles.

Mid Devon District Council

D-DAY WW II

In September 1943, the County Ground in St Thomas became home to the military preparing for D-Day. Among them were African-American soldiers who lived in tents at the ground. Due to segregation, black soldiers were only allowed in St Thomas and West Exe while the white soldiers could use the city centre.

Gerald Leach recalls one such black regiment in Lapford woods for a few days. 'They were based opposite Nymet Bridge Cross, near the milestone which says twenty miles each way to Exeter and Barnstaple, but during the war this was taken away and then replaced after the war ended'.

He goes on to say that that leads him onto the rubbish the Ambrosia milk factory produced. 'It was tipped in those same woods. I expect the owner, Mr Densham of Lapford Wood House, said OK'.

'Then the Crediton Rural District started collecting rubbish of all kinds using a contractor, a Mr Tim Ford from near Morchard Road, with a cattle lorry supplied by Mr Tom Edworthy of Bow. Mr Ford used to sit near the rear of the lorry sorting out the rubbish put on board by the driver and his mate. While moving, my brother in law told me that one day, on stopping at the next pick up and going round to the back of the lorry, Mr Ford was missing. He turned up down the road having fallen out, so of course that came to an end when up to date lorries were used. No health and safety laws in operation back then!'

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY IN LAPFORD




**KEEP CALM
AND FOLLOW THE
EMERGENCY PLAN**

Parish Council Contact:
Ian Hemsworth - 01363 884460

Village Contact:
Roy Trevaskis - 01363 83742

South of Taw/A377 Contact:
Sue Briant-Evans - 01363 83763

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency numbers ~ 999 or 112
- Childline ~ 0800 1111
- Churches House Action Team ~ 01884 255606
- Citizens Advice Bureau ~ 03444 111 444
CAB Crediton ~ 01363 776210 (M, W, Th, 9-3)
- Crediton Ring and Ride ~ 01363 773303
- Crimestoppers ~ 0800 555 111
- Dog Fouling/Fly Tipping 01884 255255
- Environment Agency Floodline ~ 0845 9881188
- Farming Community Network ~ 03000 111 999
- Gas Emergency ~ 0800 111999
- Highways (roads/lights/potholes) ~ 0845 1551004
- Mental Health Support Out of Hours ~ The Moorings
@Devon ~ Exeter: 07990 790 920 or
Barnstaple: 07850 927 064
- NHS for non urgent medical needs ~ 111
- Patient Participation Group ~ Bill Graham ~ 01363 83047
- Police Non-emergency ~ 101
- Power cut ~ 105 or 0800 6783 105
- RSPCA ~ 0300 1234 999
- Safeguarding concerns and Social Services ~ 0845 6000388
- Samaritans ~ 116 123, 01271 374343, 01392 411711
- SHOUT ~ Text 85258 for help from crisis volunteers
- Water leaks or burst mains ~ 0800 230 0561



LAPFORD OUTREACH POST OFFICE



OPENING HOURS:

Monday 9.00 - 12.30
Wednesday 9.00 - 12.30
Friday 9.00 - 12.30

LAST POSTING TIMES AROUND THE VILLAGE

	<u>Mon-Fri</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Eastington Cross	4.30p.m.	11.00 a.m.
Woodland Cottage	3.00 p.m.	7.30 a.m.
Industrial Estate	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Highfield	4.45 p.m.	10.15 a.m.
Orchard Way	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Saxtons	4.30 p.m.	10.15 a.m.
Morchar Road	5.00 p.m.	11.15 a.m.

In addition, items left at the Post Office during opening hours will be posted that day via North Tawton.

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL, ETC

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Lapford Weather Review

LAPFORD WEATHER OCTOBER 2020



Average temperatures but a little wetter than normal.

The warmest day was the 20th with a maximum of 16.3°C.

The coolest was the 16th when the maximum was 11.3°C. The coldest night was also the 16th with a minimum of 3.4°C and a ground frost of -1.5°C.

The last two days of the month were very mild, the temperature never falling below 12.0°C.

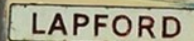
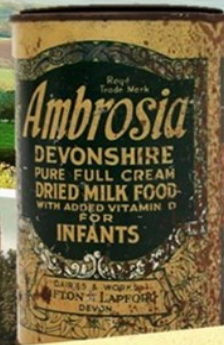
Total rainfall was 126.1 mm, compared with an average of 105 mm. The wettest day was the 4th with 20.7 mm.

The windiest day was the 2nd with a gust of 47 m.p.h.

The photo depicts a fairly rare meteorological event, a 'Glory' caused by multiple reflection of the sun's rays within tiny fog droplets. The human shadow is known as a Brocken Spectre (after a mountain in the Harz mountains of Germany).

Andy Epstein

Lapford



LAPFORD HISTORY.co.uk

The story of a mid-Devon village

Why was Kelland Barton once called England's most famous farm?

What part did a Nymet man play in Britain's worst train disaster?

Which Lapford boy became a Highland Games Champion and was said to be the country's busiest post handler?

How was a Lapford baker tragically killed by his yeast?

Who was the Lapford jockey rumbled in court for his tall tale?

Discover the answers amongst the new content recently added to the lapfordhistory.co.uk website. Click "Enter Site" from the home page for all the latest posts.

Amongst the newest articles: **Passing Muster** looks at the village's militia in Tudor times; **Lapfordians Who Changed the World** reveals the village's fascinating connection with some significant developments and changes in the late C19/early C20; and, **Tales from the Police House** reviews 25 incidents handled by village bobby PC Cockwell before his untimely death— from the murder of a blackened-faced minstrel singer to policing the notorious Nymet Savages.

Peter Totterdill researches **The Poor House Lane Cottages** and there is a copy of Sue Briant-Evans' excellent booklet **A History of Lapford School**.

Neighbours with a Past looks at the ancestry of a Nymet Rowland family—a journey through the royal courts of revolutionary Europe, a diamond-obsessed Maharaja and the early study of insects.

Discover the story of a fortune lost in **The Golden Road to Lapford, Soweto**—how Lapford's biggest property owner sold all his village assets for a plot of land that became one of the world's most infamous ghettos.

Find out what drew wealthy Victorians and Edwardians to the village in **The Arrival of the Gentry**. And, finally, there is a new page covering some of the fascinating history of **Lapford Mill**.

The website continues to attract visitors with Lapford roots from around the world. To help those researching family history, various databases of village information have been worked on this year. The plan is to add these to the website during 2021 along with a collection of historic village photographs.

COMING SOON ...

- **Perils of the Road** – 25 historic tales of humour and tragedy that took place on Lapford's roads (1830-1930)
- **The Great Fire of Lapford** ... and other village fires.
- **Audio recordings** of residents' village memories.

If you have memories of Lapford from the past, stories, articles, or photographs to share, please contact: david.garton@yahoo.co.uk