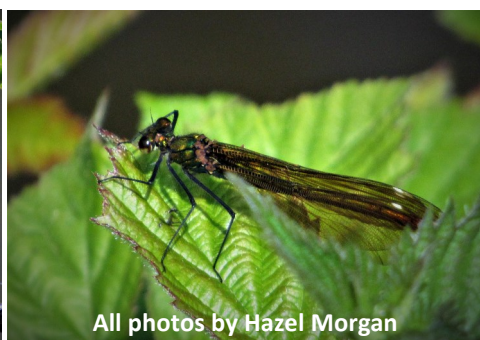
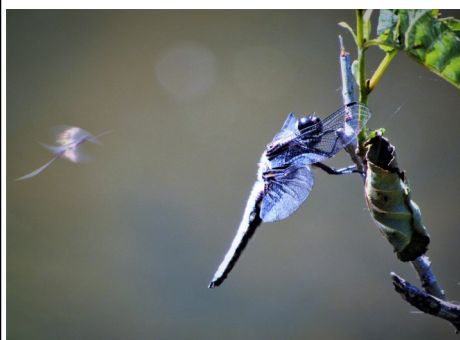




A NEW MAY - A NEW BEGINNING

With the arrival of May, the month of transition, the dawn chorus is building as it nears its peak, the Chiffchaffs return and the air is filled with the smell of wild garlic, and there is another spectacle occurring down by the river and in your gardens with the emergence of Mayflies, Damselflies and Dragonflies. We have also started enjoying our own transition; we are now able to visit non-essential shops, meet friends outdoors and enjoy a meal and a drink outside, and even visit the hairdressers. The nymphs of Damselflies and Dragonflies metamorphose into these beautiful flying insects. If all goes well, on the 17th May, we too can transform into the social people of days gone by, emerging from lockdown entertaining our family and friends, having overnight stays and going to the theatre and sports events.



All photos by Hazel Morgan

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

"We are recommencing our Sunday morning services on Sunday 2nd May at 11.00 a.m. Rev. Caroline Stott will be leading the service. We will continue to broadcast the service live on our Facebook page.



On Whit Sunday 23rd May (weather permitting) we will be joining with Lapford Community Church for an open air service on the 'new green' by Victory Hall. If the weather prevents this we will hold our normal morning service in the chapel."

The Parish Church in May

Services in May 2021

Sunday May 2nd – St Philip & St James - 9.30 a.m.

Lay Led Morning Prayer

Sunday May 9th – Easter 6 - 9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer

Sunday May 16th – Easter 7 - 9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer

Sunday May 23rd – **PENTECOST** – 9.30 a.m. – Common

Worship Eucharist

Sunday May 31st – **TRINITY SUNDAY** – 9.30 a.m. – Common

Worship Eucharist



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

HAVE YOU SEEN A BEE SWARM?

Covid 19 has not had any effect on Mother Nature and in the months of May, June and July bees naturally swarm so if you have a garden whether you are new to the area or not and you find a swarm of bees please contact me John Chappell on 07583 495025 or 01363 884267 and I will collect them free of charge.

Many thanks.
John



WORKS TO THE PARISH CHURCH – A CORRECTION

In the last Lookout it was stated that a Faculty had been granted for these works. It now transpires that the PCC had been misinformed by the Architect and that this is still 'work in progress'.

The PCC received an e-mail from the Architect on 15th February 2021 stating that the Faculty had been approved and that the Public Notice, the final stage of the Faculty process, should be displayed on the internal and external notice boards. That Notice was duly posted on 17th February 2021 and expired on 22nd March 2021. A further Public Notice will be posted in due course if required.

The PCC would wish to apologise for having published incorrect information, but this was done in good faith and in the interests of transparency about the proposals.

The PCC has copies of the all the submitted drawings of the intended development and copies may be obtained or examined by contacting 01363 83047.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce that the copy deadline is 6pm on the 14th of each month. This is the same every month with the exception of December when it is brought forward to the 10th to allow for the Christmas break. This deadline is to allow sufficient time for the Lapford Lookout to be put together, contributions checked, proof reading and to get a copy to the printers in good time so that the newsletter, in turn, is able to be delivered to our readers in a timely manner.

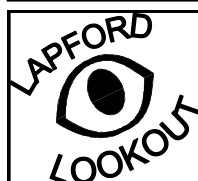
We really do appreciate all your contributions which make the Lapford Lookout the enjoyable read that I feel it is and I truly feel privileged to be able to assist in creating it for your enjoyment every month. That being said, it is put together by a small but committed team, please remember that we are all volunteers and also have other things to do.

You may notice the absence of the April Parish Council notes from this issue. This is due to a change in the meeting to the later date of the 27th April due to the sad passing of HRH Prince Phillip The Duke of Edinburgh.

Beccy Fletcher

OVERSEAS WREATH LAYING SERVICE

Did you know the Royal British Legion offers an Overseas Wreath Laying Service? Wreaths can be placed all over the world at Commonwealth War Grave cemeteries and memorials (plus other locations where possible). Wreaths need to be sent up to two months in advance of the placement date. The service is available all year round and is free; all they ask is a suggested donation to cover the cost of wreath production. If you would like to know more, contact Caroline on 01363 83863 or email lapford.pao@gmail.com.



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR May 2021

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| 14th | Copy deadline for May Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm |
| 18th | The Ark reopens at 10.00am |
| 24th | Victory Hall AGM at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall and via Zoom |

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Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:

6 pm on the 14th May for inclusion in June issue

Contributions are welcome, to be used at the Editor's discretion.

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Lapford Weather Review

LAPFORD WEATHER MARCH 2021

Average temperature, but less rain.

The mildest day was the 30th with a maximum of 18.9°C. This was not our warmest March day - that was back in 2012, when the thermometer rose to 20.0°C.

The coolest day was the 7th with a maximum of 5.4°C. The coldest night was also on the 7th with a minimum of -4.1°C and the grass thermometer fell to -8.7°C.

Total rainfall for the month was 47.7 mm, about 70% of average. The wettest day was the 11th with 13.0 mm.

The windiest day was the 10th with a very strong gust of 59 m.p.h.

Andy Epstein



EXCITING NEWS

LAPFORD VICTORY HALL IS REOPENING SOON

Subject to government guidelines we are hoping to reopen from the 17th May.
Coffee mornings, Children's parties,
Jumble sales, Quizzes.

Are you a regular user?
Please get in touch to reconfirm.

If you have an event you wish to hold please contact
Joanne, our booking secretary,
on 07803 002910.

We are so looking forward to welcoming you back.

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS

WANTED:

New members to help to support our historic Parish Church.

FOST was formed eleven years ago to help with the running and upkeep of our Grade 1 listed Church. FOST projects include installing under-pew heating in the nave, providing cushions for the pews and paying for the stained-glass windows to be professionally cleaned.

Historic England's listing for St Thomas lists an "exceptional interior". Lapford is very lucky to have such a beautiful and historic building, and FOST's aim is to help to keep it looking as loved and as well-kept as possible.

If you would like to help, please contact FOST secretary, Prue Lambert, on 83150 or by e-mail at: pruelambert@yahoo.co.uk

PUNOGRAPHY

This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the football was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

One of the musical numbers performed at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall, sung to the tune of 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary Sound of Music:

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers with handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polydent and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, when my bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food for food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring.
These are few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.



LAPFORD VICTORY HALL NEEDS YOU

This is an exciting time for Lapford Victory Hall.

The Victory Hall Management Committee is making an appeal to villagers to get involved.

Being a member of the Victory Hall Management Committee will enable you to put ideas forward to change/develop the hall for the benefit of not only your organisation but the village in general.

Also, we now have a great green space next door so you will have the opportunity to have your say in the future development of the hall and its surroundings.

The AGM is on the 24th May at 7.30pm at the hall and it would be great to see you. If you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact any of the existing committee members or the Chair at Darren.crump99@hotmail.co.uk.

THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK

One day a man saw an elderly lady stranded by the side of the road. Even in the dim light he could see she needed help, so he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. As he approached, he smiled but he could see she was worried. She had been there for at least an hour and no-one had stopped. He didn't look safe. Was he going to hurt her? He looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing there. He knew how she felt. He said "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you just wait in the car where it is warm? By the way, my name is Brian Anderson."



All she had was a flat tyre, but for a senior lady that was bad enough. Brian crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tyre but he was dirty and his hand hurt. She rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him she was just passing through and she couldn't thank him enough for coming to her rescue. Brian just smiled as he closed the boot. The woman asked how much she owed him, any amount was fine with her. She had already imagined the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Brian never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need and, God knows, there were plenty who had given him help in the past. He told her "if you want to pay me back, the next time you see someone in need, you could give that person the help they need, think of me".

He waited until she had started her car and driven off. It had been a cold and depressing day but he felt good as he headed home. A few miles down the road the lady saw a small café. She went in to get warm and have something to eat before she made the last few miles of her journey home. The waitress came over, she had a pleasant smile. The old lady noticed she was at least 8 months pregnant, but she never let the aches and strain affect her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so kind and giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Brian. After the elderly lady had finished her meal, she paid with a £50 note. The waitress quickly went to get the change for her, but the elderly lady had slipped out of the café. She was gone. The waitress noticed something written on the napkin on the table. The lady had written, "You don't owe me anything, somebody helped me out the way I'm helping you, if you really want to pay me back, help someone else in need". Under the napkin were four more £50 notes.

That night when she climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the old lady had written. How could she have known how much she and her husband needed the money, with a baby due next month. She knew how worried her husband was, as he lay sleeping next to her. She gave him a kiss and whispered "Everything is going to be all right. I love you, Brian Anderson."

This story reminded me about the ARK. I don't know whether you know, but ARK is short for Acts of Random Kindness. If we can help you, we will, if you need food and we have it in the Foodbank, we will give it to you. Anyway, we can help the community, we will do our best to serve. As things open up more, keep caring and looking out for one another. The ARK will open on Tuesday 18 May at 10.00am. We will continue to work to Government guidelines and would ask that you ring the ARK on 0136383788 after 9.30am to book a space.

We **really** are looking forward to seeing you.

Ladies at The ARK

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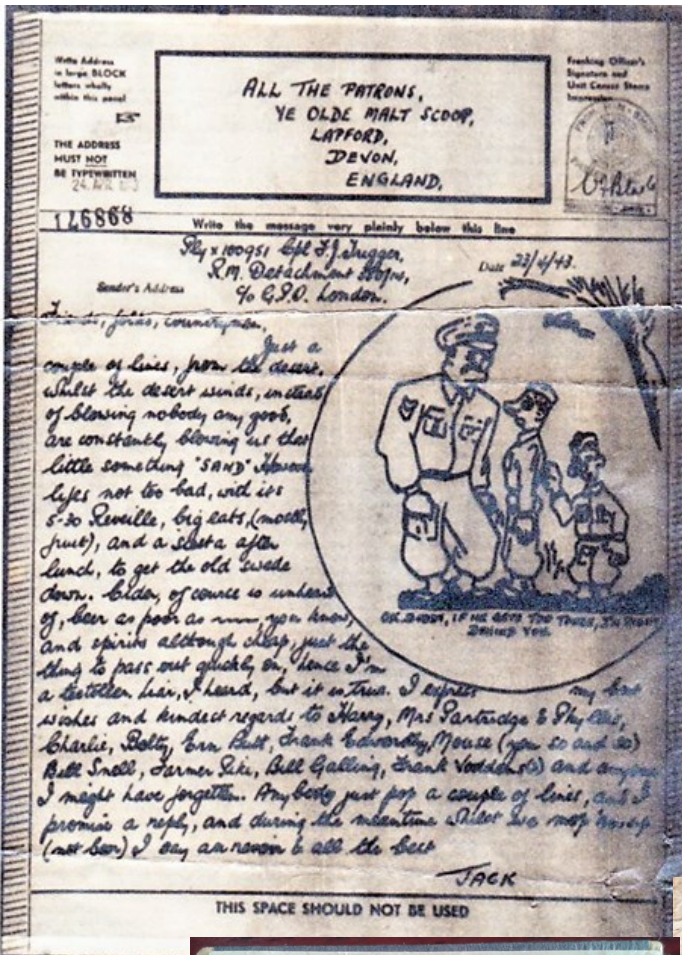
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Ye Olde Malt Scoop Inn

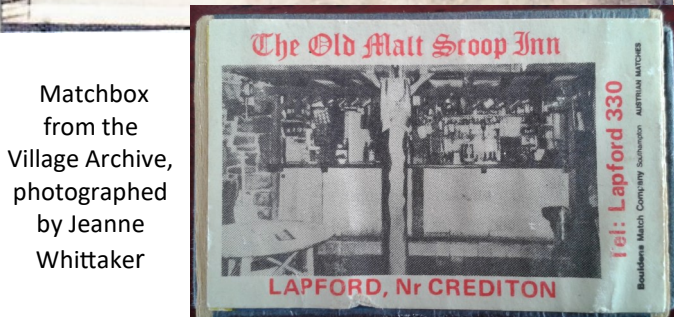


On Active Service letter from Jack Trigger to Harry Partridge (and all the patrons) at Ye Olde Malt Scoop, dated 23/4/43.



"Friends, folks, countrymen. Just a couple of lines from the desert whilst the desert winds instead of blowing nobody any good, are constantly blowing us that little something 'SAND'. However life's not too bad, with its 5.30 Reveille, big eats (mainly fruit), and a siesta after lunch, to get the old swede down. Cider, of course is unheard of, beer as poor as, you know, and spirits although cheap, just the thing to pass out quickly on, hence I am a teetotaller liar, I heard, but it is true. I express my best wishes and kindest regards to Harry, Mrs Partridge & Phyllis, Charlie, Bolty, Ern Butt, Frank Edworthy, Mouse (you so and so), Bill Snell, Farmer Pike, Bill Galling, Frank Vodden, and anyone I might have forgotten. Anybody just pop a couple of lines, and I will promise a reply, and during the meantime whilst we mop(?) (?unable to read next word) (not beer) I say au revoir and all the best. JACK"

Letter and envelope scans courtesy of Ann Cann



Matchbox from the Village Archive, photographed by Jeanne Whittaker

More about the Old Malt Scoop on the back page!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Many thanks to all who bought (and hopefully enjoyed!) the choc chip and ginger biscuits baked by Jessica and Rose Madden.



Jessica and Rose were watching Blue Peter and saw a piece on the programme about the children starving in Yemen as a result of the civil war there, and how other children had been trying to assist them. This inspired them to sell biscuits they had baked and the idea rapidly escalated from support from the residents of Kelland Hill to people across the whole of Lapford.

In total, they raised £287.34 which we have sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee for their Yemen appeal. Their efforts were greatly helped by some colourful advertising posters made by Annemieke Gardener and a very generous offer by an anonymous benefactor who offered to match all their sales income to £100.

Thanks,
Jo and Sarah Madden

UPDATE ABOUT THE POSTPONED 2020 COLDRIDGE FETE



The Fete Committee met recently via Zoom to discuss the possibility of going ahead with the postponed 2020 Coldridge Village Fete and Vintage Rally on 26th June 2021. The Committee felt that there was too much uncertainty about whether all restrictions would be lifted by the end of June 2021, making it difficult to plan properly for a Fete this year.

This was then reinforced by the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 22nd February 2021 about the lifting of lockdown rules in England. As a consequence, we have decided to cancel this year and look forward to putting all our energy into preparing for a fabulous Fete in 2022.

The date for the 2022 Coldridge Fete, Vintage Rally, Flower Festival and Dog Show is Saturday 2nd July 2022. Please keep the date free, more information will be available later in the year. We are still hoping to put on a smaller Parish based event sometime this summer to mark the reopening of the Village Hall and giving us a chance to celebrate all our community-based activities.

Further information will be available in due course.
Lisa Brock Secretary, Coldridge Village Fete Committee

Lapford Victory Hall AGM

Monday 24th May 2021
Victory Hall
7.30pm

If you would like a Zoom link please email Darren Crump at Darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk

DID YOU ENJOY YOUR MCDONALD'S?

Did you visit McDonald's in Barnstaple on Thursday 15th April? Perhaps you purchased 1 medium coke, 1 medium Oasis, 1 Mevm BAC&BBQ crsp (WOD), 1 EVM Bigmac, 1 Mayo Chicken and 2 medium fries, at a total cost of £9.37?



If so, you may have mislaid your receipt - along with sixteen other items of litter found strewn along a Lapford road that weekend. It is not someone else's job to clean up after you! If this was you we hope you enjoyed your meal but please take your litter home next time.

This is what the road looked like after someone else had picked up the debris from your meal. Please help to keep it litter free in future.



LAPFORD OVER 60s

Hello to All

We are hoping to get together sometime this year when we have all been vaccinated. We will try and resume our regular meetings on the last Thursday of each month at 3pm in the Victory Hall and maybe start some trips.



WATCH THIS SPACE!!

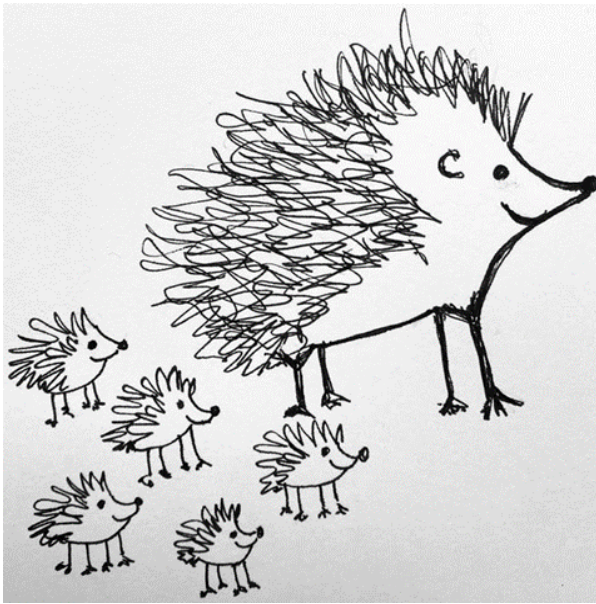
Ron

LOWER TOWN PLACE - MAY 2021

April saw the completion of the hedging and works to the boundary. Events are being planned for joint use of the Hall and Lower Town Place. The first of these is the Lapford ReStart event being worked on now with a proposed date of Saturday July 10th.

To ensure the safe and secure use of the grounds by children, young people and the community, it is with regret a decision has been taken not to allow dogs on Lower Town Place. This will take effect from Monday 10th May, Public Notices will be put in place and if necessary gates will be installed.

WILD LAPFORD—HEDGEHOGS IN MAY



Spring is now in full stride, with the verges full of cow parsley and buttercups. Skylarks, blackbirds and song thrushes dominate the dawn chorus with wrens and warblers joining in later in the month.

By now, most hedgehogs should have replaced the weight lost during hibernation and be on the lookout for a mate. Mating season started in April and continues to September, but the main frenzy of activity, “the rut” is in May.

When the male finds a female on heat, in his attempt to impress her, a noisy dance ensues. The male repeatedly circles the female snorting, huffing and grunting. This is usually met, initially at least, with the cold shoulder where the female “frowns” raising her spines to protect her face and moves her flank to face him. All the kerfuffle can attract the attention of rival males who will aggressively barge and shove each other out the way, the less dominant male will usually curl up in a tight ball or run away. This is all part of the dominant male’s attempt to win the approval of the female. If she accepts his advances, she will change her posture and flatten her 5000 spines allowing the male to mount her without impaling himself. The act is very brief and there is no time for any pillow talk as the

pair go their separate ways immediately. Hogs are promiscuous creatures and will mate with multiple partners in one night, never mind in one season!

The pregnant female hog makes a substantial nursery nest to give birth to usually three or four, but sometimes as many as five tiny blind hoglets around 34 days after a successful mating. These pale hoglets have about 100 white spines and are completely dependent on their mother’s milk for the first three weeks when they start to eat food chewed up by the mother. About this time their eyes will open and the white spines will be gradually replaced by the characteristic brown spines. The mother can sometimes be seen carrying hoglets from nest to nest if she gets disturbed. This is one of the few occasions it is normal to see a hedgehog in daylight. By five weeks old the hoglets will be out foraging for food with their mum and at about six weeks the hoglet will wander off to live independently. The hoglets father plays no part at all in their upbringing.

Watch out there’s a hog about! Please always take extra care to check long grass and overgrown areas before you use a strimmer as hogs love to build nests in areas like this and strimmers can cause hogs catastrophic injuries.

Lapford Hedgehog Highway project is gaining interest with several reports of both hog sightings and hog scat around the village. We’d love to hear from you:

Have you seen any hedgehogs?

Have you seen any hedgehog scat (poo)?

Do you leave food out for hedgehogs?

Do you have a hedgehog nest box?

Do you have easy access between your garden and your neighbours (either hole in fence or a hedge)?

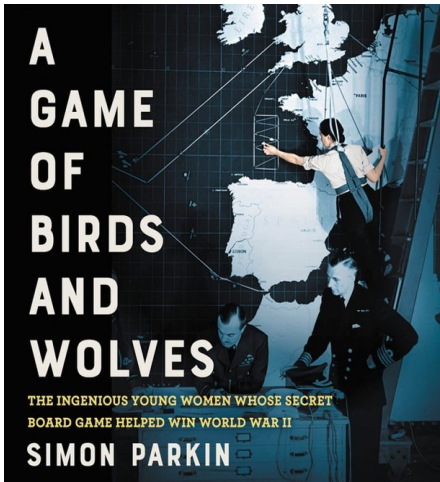
Please get in touch letting us know where and when you have seen evidence of hedgehogs and let us know if you are actively helping them (email helengreensmith@hotmail.com, phone 07733 227732 or via Facebook messenger. Also see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildlapford>

Thanks to Rebecca Holley for her lovely artwork.

Helen Greensmith

READER BOOK REVIEW: A GAME OF BIRDS AND WOLVES BY SIMON PARKIN

A minor country faces a major crisis. A nation is saved, due to the ingenuity and courage of ordinary people. Sounds like recent history? Think again. The Battle Of The Atlantic took place nearly eighty years ago. Perhaps it's a forgotten battle, but there is a stark fact that underlies it. The German Navy was



sinking Allied shipping to such a degree; Britain was 2-3 months away from starvation and surrender.

The fate of a nation rests on a handful of Scouse WRENs, wargaming the battles on the floor of The Western Approaches using matchboxes, string and cotton wool. Their opponent is Karl Doenitz, Commander of The Kriegsmarine. He is determined to use U-Boats in the same way he sees wolves hunting in the forests around Berlin.

It's a remarkable story and Parkin writes with both enthusiasm and compassion. It could be a dry factual tale, but we are have love (often thwarted by war and outdated morality) on The British side. On the German side, soldiers who see a U-Boat as an easy posting; but have a life expectancy of fifty days.

The book was written as an untold story and in that sense, it remains so. It's not a best seller. 'The Game' features in Nicolas Monserrat's novel The Cruel Sea, but was cut from the film. The last of the WREN's died in 2018. Gilbert Roberts, the programmes commander ended his life as a Constable in Dartmoor.

With the film rights bought by Steven Spielberg, this game will finally see an audience. This is a book where truth is stranger than fiction and where great battles are won by small moves.

Kev McCready

**HIDING FROM WIFE/HUSBAND
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- £1.00 "Nope, not here".
- £2.00 "Just missed him/her".
- £3.00 "Just had one drink and left"
- £4.00 "Hasn't been in all day".
- £5.00 "Never heard of him/her".

(PLEASE SEE BARTENDER UPON ARRIVAL)

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB BOOK REVIEW

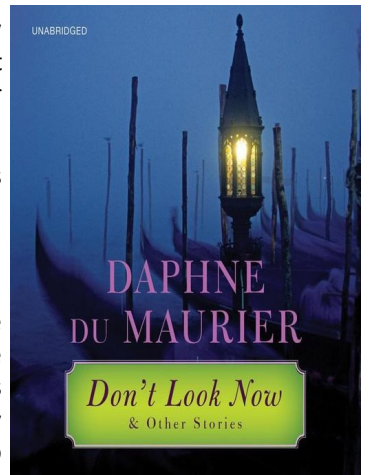
This month's book was by Daphne du Maurier, 'Don't Look Now' and four other short stories.

As I expected the book was very enjoyable and I raced through each story.

Daphne du Maurier was born in London in 1907 where she spent her childhood. She was surrounded by actors and journalists in her family so it wouldn't have come to any one's surprise that she should become an author. Her most famous books include Rebecca, Frenchman's Creek, Jamaica Inn and My Cousin Rachel. All of these have been made into films several times and all are rather 'dark' as were the stories in this book. I remember seeing the film Don't Look Now with Donald Sutherland many years ago and being rather scared!! She moved to Cornwall and died in Fowey in 1989.

This book has inspired me to re-read more of Daphne du Maurier.

Jane Epstein



KIDS ARE QUICK

- TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'
- GLENN: k-r-o-k-o-d-i-a-l
- TEACHER: No, that's wrong
- GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
- TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
- DONALD: H I J K L M N O.
- TEACHER: What are you talking about?
- DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.
- TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
- WINNIE: Me!
- TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?
- GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.





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**We look forward to
seeing you soon!**



Look out for further information regarding extended opening hours. For further details and bookings contact Ashley or Harriet:-

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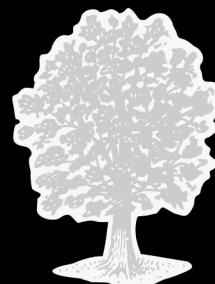
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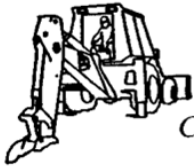


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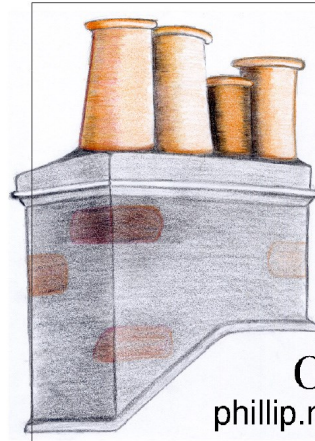
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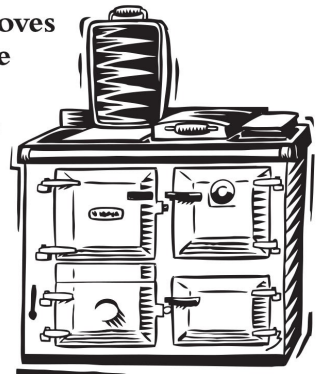


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Meanwhile, the Revel continues to have a solid team looking to deliver a village Revel this summer, albeit within whatever safety guidelines prevail at the time.

If you are keen to support your village Revel then Alex will be happy to pass on your details.

Email alex@lapfordmill.uk / Tel: Alex Gater 07815 795918

LAPFORD REVEL - LAPSTOCK - LAPFORD LOOKOUT - LPZK - PARISH COUNCIL - LAPFORD PCC - THE LAPF...

1. Law of Mechanical Repair -

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

2. Law of Gravity -

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. Law of Probability -

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

4. Law of Random Numbers -

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

5. Variation Law -

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

6. Law of the Bath -

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

7. Law of Close Encounters -

The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

8. Law of the Result -

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

9. Law of Biomechanics -

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

10. Law of the Theatre & Football Stadium -

At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their

seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

11. The Coffee Law -

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

12. Murphy's Law of Lockers -

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

13. Law of Physical Surfaces -

The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

14. Law of Logical Argument -

Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

15. Law of Physical Appearance -

If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

16. The 50-50-90 Law

Whenever there's a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability that you'll get it wrong.

17. Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy -

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

18. Doctors' Law -

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 6TH MAY 2021

When two vacancies on The Parish Council were announced in November last year, ten members of the community demanded an election. The election date was set as 6th May 2021.

The Parish Council has been advised that the purpose of this election therefore is to fill those two vacancies. Should further vacancies exist after this election, the exercise of posting the vacancies must again take place. This may again result in the demand for an election.

Candidates standing are:

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Name of Proposer (*) and Seconder (**)
ANDREWS Roy	Old Bakery Park Road, Lapford, Crediton, Devon, EX17 6QJ	Madge Brian * Gowie Patricia **
LUMSDON Stacey Ann	Address in Lapford. Mid Devon District	Hemsworth Ian G * Trevaskis Roy W **
PARSLEY John Charles	The Lindens, Lapford, Crediton, EX17 6PU	Madge Brian * Gowie Patricia A **
RICE Pete	10 Ambrosia Close, Lapford, Crediton, Devon, EX17 6GA	Robson Kirsty * Lumsdon Stacey A **

MORE FROM THE ADVENTURE GROUP OF GAMERS

This month's game suggestion is somewhat ironic, as we have all spent so much time locked in our houses recently, so maybe this game is also a symbol of freedom to come.

If you haven't heard of escape rooms you are missing an exciting day out, if you are a gamer and puzzle solver that is. In the real world a good escape room is a themed theatrical set that a group of six to 8 people enter and then need to solve puzzles to find their way out. Themes include escaping from a long lost temple or breaking into and out of a bank, either way they are totally immersive and a great way to spend an hour.

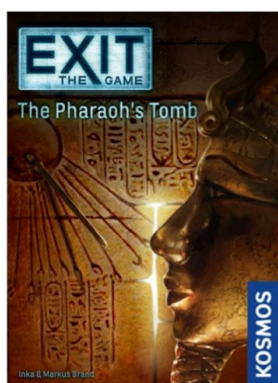
Given the current restrictions a good alternative to the real thing is **EXIT – An Escape room in a box.**

This game mimics a traditional escape room scenario but using cards and other secret props in a box. The game will usually start with one easy puzzle but in completing that puzzle you are then given further puzzles or props in card format. Inventively these are sometimes folded, cut or stuck together to reveal a three-digit code, which will then lead you to an answer card. Cleverly the game has the ability to provide clues so if you really get stuck you can get some hints without ruining the game. A game will take between 1 to 2 hours so it provides an evening of entertainment.

To play over Zoom with friends you simply need to buy two copies of the game so there are cards at each location and then set up your Zoom call and start playing. The EXIT series of games also include a timer app so you can keep track of how long it takes you to escape and there are lots of different themes to choose from; The Haunted Rollercoaster, The Pharaoh's Tomb, the Secret Lab to name a few. It was a pleasant and fun way to spend a Saturday evening. Note: these games can only be used once, but you can pass them on to friends.

Kind regards

Warren



MAN-MADE ENGLISH

Most of us take English for granted, having spoken it from an early age. However, it has numerous paradoxes as we discover that quicksand tends to work slowly, boxing rings are square, and guinea pigs are neither from Guinea nor are they related to the pig family.

English also includes numerous contradictions. For example, a house can burn up as it burns down, with the result that it is razed to the ground. Forms are filled in by filling them out and alarms go on because they go off! Another strange phenomenon is that when the stars are out they are visible but when the lights are out they are invisible. Also people recite at play, but play at a recital.

It's peculiar that abbreviation is such a long word, and phonetically isn't spelt phonetically at all!

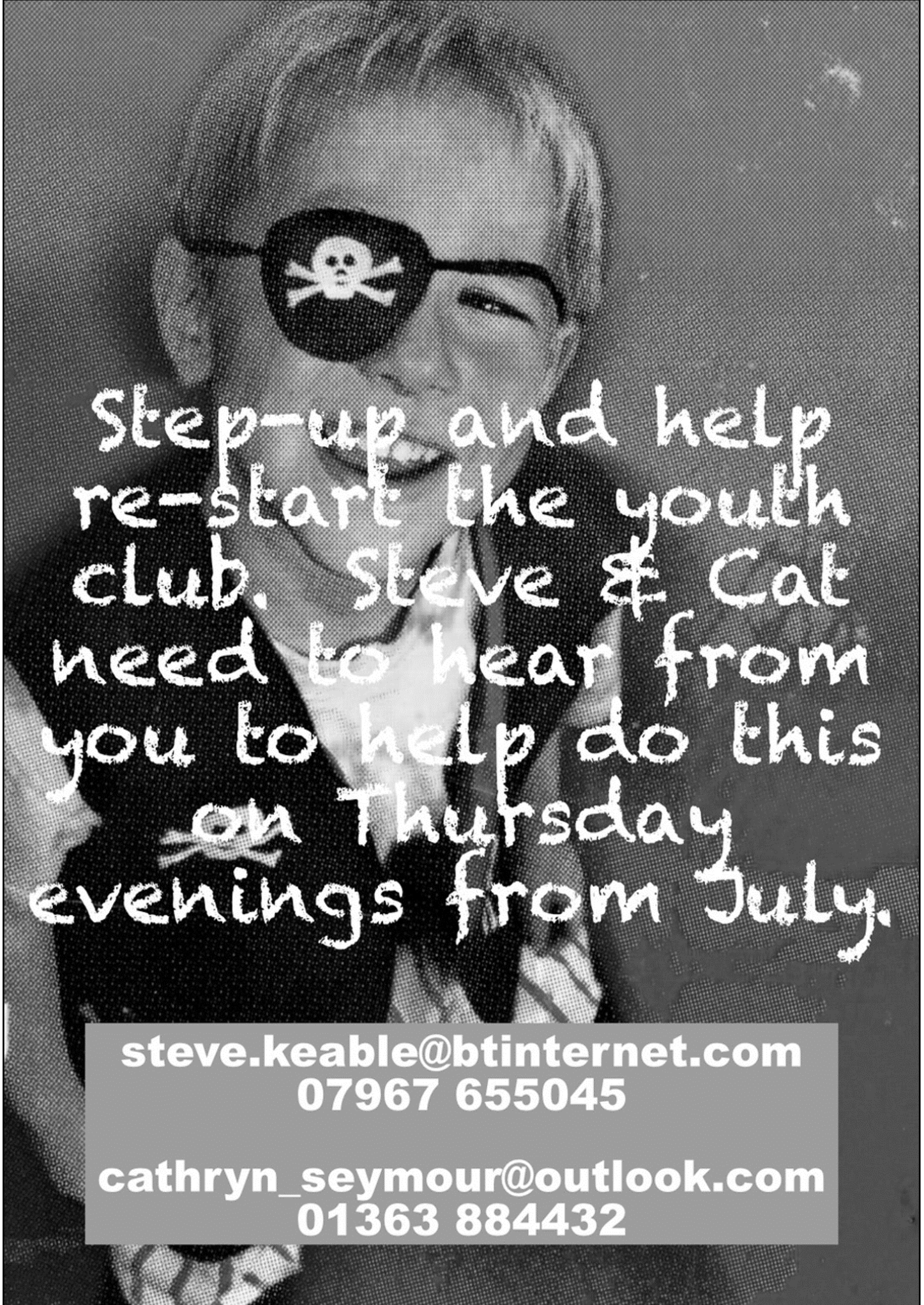
Other absurdities include water that runs from a tap but flows from a stream or river. Humans have noses that run and feet that smell. And why is it that a wise guy and a wise man are opposites, but a slim chance and a fat chance mean the same?

It is difficult to apply logic to many phrases or words. For example, if vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat? If writers write, why is it that fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

This verbal lunacy is particularly evident when using plurals. If the plural of tooth is teeth why isn't the plural of booth beeth? If more than one goose are termed geese, why doesn't a group of moose become meese, and numerous mongooses become mongeese! If more than one mouse are mice, why aren't a couple of houses called hice?

Another strange phenomenon is that we are probably all guilty of having collections of odds and ends, normally in the garage or a kitchen drawer. If they are sorted out and all but one item is disposed of, are you left with an odd or an end?

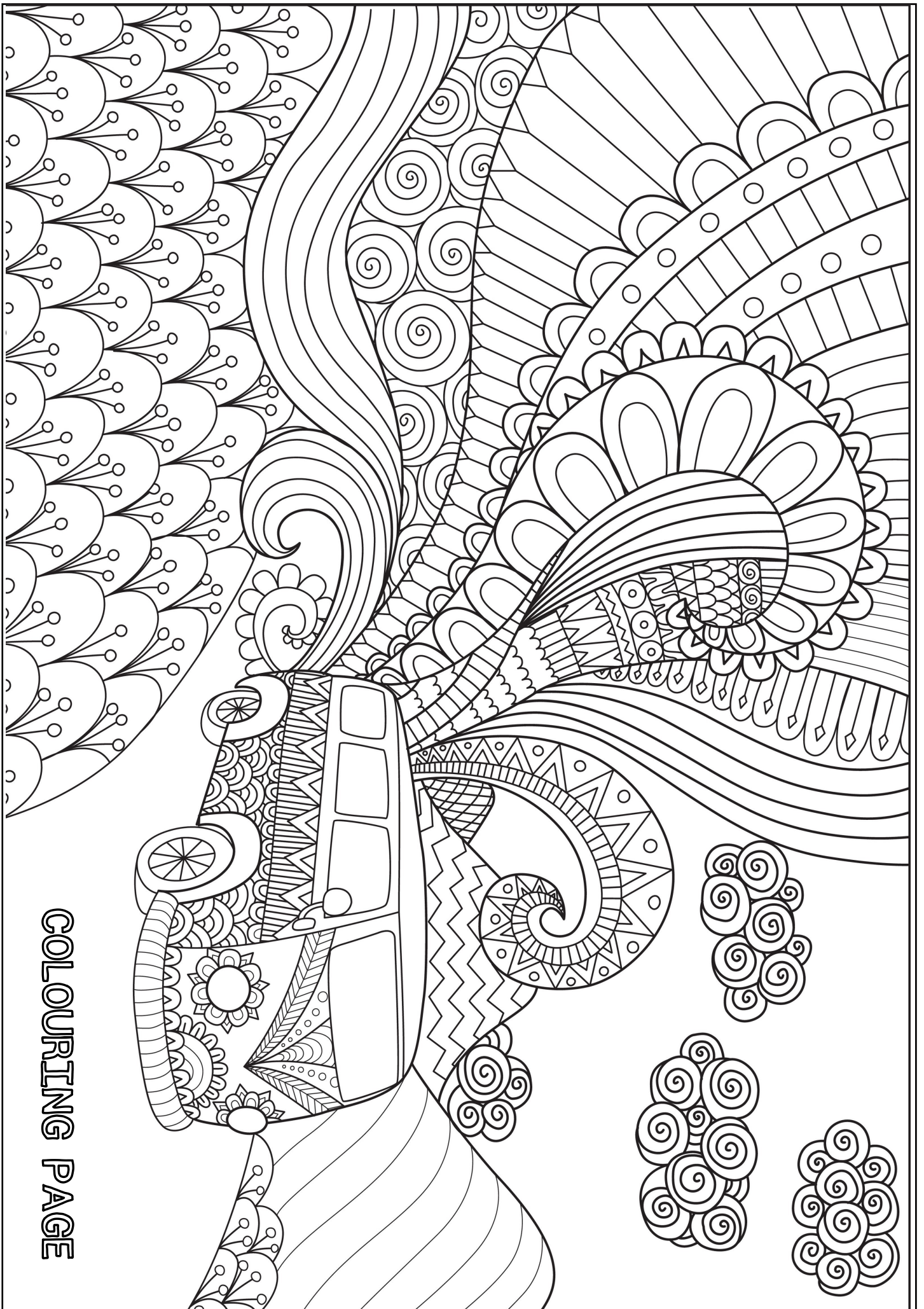
No wonder English is difficult to master, never mind spell! Its anomalies, combined with regional dialects, accents, sayings, and slang, all add to the rich tapestry that is our language. I am grateful that I will not have to learn it all over again!



Step-up and help
re-start the youth
club. Steve & Cat
need to hear from
you to help do this
on Thursday
evenings from July.

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07967 655045

cathryn_seymour@outlook.com
01363 884432



COLOURING PAGE

NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE



Donations can be made at
Boniface Centre, Crediton,
on Tuesdays 6th or 13th July 2021
at 13:10 to 19:15
or at Chulmleigh on 29th July



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

Do something amazing - Give Blood!

NB Travel to blood donation sessions
is considered essential travel

LAPFORD LOOKOUT ADVERTISING RATES AND POLICY

Lapford Lookout has a circulation of 600 copies and the advertising of village events is free of charge. There is a charge for all other advertisements and current advertising rates, **payable in advance**, are:

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One quarter page:	£12 per month.
One half page:	£24 per month.
Whole page:	£48 per month.

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CAT Preschools is a director-led organisation incorporating Chulmleigh, East Worlington and Lapford Preschools.

Lapford Preschool

Care for 2 - 5 year olds
Monday - Friday, 9.00am - 3.30pm
Wrap around care is available through the school

Please call Lorraine Kigongo on 01363 83162
or email lkigongo@catpreschools.co.uk
for further information and to arrange a visit.

We are registered to take 2yr old and 3 / 4 year old
funded children at all of our settings.

We are registered for 30 hours funding.
- We are open term time only -



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions
welcome



lapfordlookout@gmail.com

**Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:
6 pm on the 14th May for inclusion in June issue**



LIBRARIES UNLIMITED BOOKS ON WHEELS

Do you have difficulty in getting to Crediton Library and carrying heavy books home to read? Or even reaching the mobile library? Would you like us to collect and deliver talking books, or large and normal printed ones of the kind that you enjoy, directly to your home free of charge? If so, I will be happy to help.

Peter Westcott - Telephone: 01363 83525



DEVON MOBILE LIBRARY STOPS



Lapford

Orchard Way: 13.45-14.55
School: 15.00-16.00

Nymet Rowland

Opposite Village Hall: 12.30-12.50

All on Tuesdays in week 4

Covid rules apply. Please wear a face mask, use the hand sanitiser, and observe social distancing rules.



Lapford Voluntary Car Aid 2011

NEED TRANSPORT TO YOUR MEDICAL 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 (Covid jab)	- £6
Crediton Community Hospital	- £5
Morchard Bishop Surgery	- £3
New Valley Health Centre	- £6
Winkleigh Surgery	- £5

We have LVCA drivers available to take anyone to have their Covid vaccination. Please contact Grace as above.

NEWS FROM LAPFORD AFC

LAPFORD A.F.C.

Football restarted on Saturday 3rd April. At the moment we are not allowed spectators and are roping off the pitch but people can park their cars at the ground and watch from the roped area.



FOUNDED 1919

Information regarding our games can be found on the Lapford AFC Facebook page.

Niall McAreavey

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) ~ 0345 155 1004
- 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.

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Parish Clerk - vacancy	6 Moortown, Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, EX18 7EU	lapfordpc@live.co.uk
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County Cllr Margaret Squires	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA	01363 84337 / margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk
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De Olde Malt Scoop Inn

With the latest easing of restrictions, we can once again enjoy a drink, a meal and some company at The Old Malt Scoop Inn, although it is a very different experience from the one pictured below in the 1960's. On a glorious Sunday afternoon this spring, the locals seem to have embraced the new government guidelines to enjoy their favourite beer al fresco.



Picture courtesy of Ann Cann

The Old Malt Scoop, 1960's

L to R: Jack Moyes (farm labourer), Frank Parish (lengthsman). He also used to cut the Church Green grass with a scythe, Archie Drew (drove steam roller - road making), Bert Gunn and Harry Partridge.



Picture by Hazel Morgan

The Old Malt Scoop, 2021

L to R (in their own words) : Jonathan (landlord), Pete Veysey (mechanical engineer) and Barley, Catriona (landlady), Piers Fletcher (stove installer), Sam Egan (Father Ted), Alan Laffar, Andy Peters, Denzil Penberthy, Andy Bunce, Derek Pleace Esq, David Gilmour (musician and stud).