



LAPFORD LOOKOUT



YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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WHAT A REVEL!

October 2021



Photos by Steve Keable and Liz White

Master Craftsman Derek Pleace pictured with his dog Flo (formerly owned by the late Duv).



Photo by Steve Keable



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU TO:

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Vicar: The Reverend Robert Gordon - (e) vicar.ncw@gmail.com

Churchwarden: Joan Graham - (e) jemq47@aol.com (t) 01363 83047

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays – Lay Led Morning Prayer – 9.30 a.m.

4th Sundays – Common Worship Eucharist – 9.30 a.m.

5th Sundays – See announcements on Church notice board

The Church is open for private time on Wednesdays between 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon

ALL ARE WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER SERVICES

Forthcoming events for your diaries

Saturday 2nd October – Churches Together Harvest Supper – Victory Hall 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 3rd October – Harvest Festival Service 9.30 a.m.

Sunday 14th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Churches Together Eucharist

10.45 a.m. Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Saturday 4th December – Mince Pies, Coffee Morning and Grand Hamper Draw in the Victory Hall 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon

Friday 24th December – CRIB SERVICE 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Eucharist 10.30 a.m.



LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 11.00am

Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays

Contact: Peter and Viv Lacey - Tel: **884230** or Cat Seymour (Youth and Family Worker) - Tel: **884432**

Pastor Caroline Stott - Tel: **01404 831965** - email: caroline.stott2@btinternet.com

www.facebook.com/lapfordcongregationalchurch



Preachers:

3rd October - Tom Thompson

10th October - Rev. Caroline Stott

17th October - Rev. Caroline Stott

24th October - Family Service

31st October - Rev. David Cole

6th November - Jimmy Powell

Events:

Tuesday 12th October Cafe Church (3.30-5.30pm)

Saturday 16th October Baby Cafe (10am-12am)

Tuesday 19th October Messy Church (3.30- 5.30pm)

LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets every Sunday morning at 10.30am in the Victory Hall

4th Sunday of the month is Family Service

Bible Study on Tuesdays 7.30pm and Fellowship Group on Wednesdays 7.30pm

Contact: Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666**

<https://www.lapfordcc.org.uk/>



Please visit our website for information about the Foodbank and ARK.

You will also find lots of information about Church activities and on-line services.



All the Churches welcome everyone to any of their services and social events.

We look forward to fellowship with you.





Invitation

Lapford Lookout Helpers
and Delivery Volunteers

“Thank You”

Celebration Event

Tuesday 5 October 7.30 The ARK

The Lapford Project 2000 Committee which organises
Lapford Lookout cordially invites all current helpers
and delivery volunteers to a

Wine & Cheese Social Evening

R.S.V.P. to steve.keable@btinternet.com or call Lapford 83200

If you are willing to help with the monthly delivery of the
Lapford Lookout then please let us know and come along.

CALENDAR IN MEMORY OF KAREN BURROWS

We are doing a calendar again this year in memory of Karen Burrows after last year's was a success. Minimum donation of £7. All money will be going to Force Cancer Charity. Please contact Jessica on 07960 197460 or John on 01363 83985!

Please note we are printing 350 only so be quick to order before they sell out!

John and Jessica Burrows



Lapford Weather Review

LAPFORD WEATHER AUGUST & SUMMER 2021

August average temperature was a little below the normal and it was also a relatively dry month.

The highest temperature was really quite low at 22.6°C on the 21st. The coolest day was the 7th with a maximum of 15.8°C. The coolest night was on the 28th with a minimum of 7.7°C.

There were two wet spells of weather during the month, both of which lasted just a few days, giving a total of 53.4 mm rain. The wettest day was the 7th with 22.3 mm rain. From the 22nd onwards it became completely dry.

The windiest day was the 6th with a gust of 32 m.p.h.

The summer this year has been nothing very special, just a little milder and wetter than average, largely due to the wet July, when rainfall was nearly twice the norm. There was just the one hot spell of weather in mid-July for several days. The temperature peaked at 29.3°C on the 21st, nothing unusual for our Summers, and usually equalled or bettered in most years.

Andy Epstein



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

October 2021

- 2nd Harvest Supper, Victory Hall, 6.30pm
- 4th LADS Open Talent Evening, Congregational Church, 7.00-9.00pm
- 5th Lapford Project 2000 and Lapford Lookout Celebration Event at The Ark, 7.30pm
- 6th Church Green Trustees Meeting, 7.00pm
- 6th Lapford Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
- 9th Autumn Fayre, Victory Hall, 2.30pm
- 9th ELF concert at Crediton Congregational Church, 7.30pm
- 12th Lapford Gardening Club Meeting, The Ark, 7.30pm
- 14th Copy deadline for November Lapford Lookout 6.00pm
- 16th HOLD AGM, Victory Hall, 10.00am
- 21st Ladies of Lapford with Gary Holpin
- 30th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00am

November 2021

- 14th Copy deadline for December Lapford Lookout 6.00pm
- 18th Ladies of Lapford, Christmas Table Decorations
- 29th Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

December 2021

- 10th Early copy deadline for January Lapford Lookout 6.00pm
- 10th /11th LADS Christmas Variety Shows
- 16th Ladies of Lapford, Christmas Meal at the Scoop

READER REQUEST:

HELP WITH LAPFORD SCHOOL RUN NEEDED

We are looking for a local parent or child minder who can very occasionally take and collect our children to/from Lapford Primary School. We are paying £10 per hour. Call or text 07747 334455 for info.



Nick

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By hand: Use the box in The Orchard Centre or the Editor's letterbox

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6.00 pm on the 14th October for inclusion in November issue

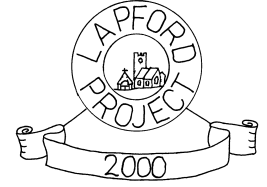
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Wow! Can I first say what a lovely weekend I had at the Lapford Revel. The weather could not have been better and the opening of Lower Town Place was such a lovely sociable event in itself. It may have been scaled down due to the current situation but thank you to all the volunteers and organisers that made the weekend the success that it was.

On the theme of volunteers, I would again like to thank everyone involved with the Lapford Lookout, the contributors, the editorial team and the distributors. Everyone associated with the Lapford Lookout freely give their time to ensure it's continued success. We really hope to show our appreciation to those involved at the Volunteer Event on the 5th October so please RSVP. I look forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

Beccy

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES, SEPTEMBER 2021

Please note this is a summary of the main points of interest. A copy of the draft minutes will be made available on the village website, and on the notice boards in the Orchard Centre and in The ARK.

The Parish Council met via Zoom on 1st September in the Victory Hall.

Three members of the public attended plus two prospective councillors.

- Two new Councillors were co-opted, Abigail Whittaker & Dr John Parsley. This brings the Council up to full strength.
- County Cllr Squires will find out what has happened to money set aside for Traffic Regulation Order work in Lapford.
- District Councillor Clive Eginton reported on the MDDC Open Spaces Protection Order detailing new powers for it to police dog fouling in open spaces of all sorts in the district.
- The Church Green Trustees would be meeting before the next Parish Council meeting.
- A report was received from the Heart of Lapford Development Board. *(This appears elsewhere in this magazine)*
- The Parish Council is still attempting to resolve Highways issues with the local officer.
- New Car Park signage has been ordered and will be displayed soon.
- The public benches in the village are being refurbished on a voluntary basis.
- A report on the situation with the clock in the Church Tower is awaited.
- A bin for the deposit of dog waste to be repositioned closer to Lower Town Place.
- Footpath matters will be progressed.
- Planning applications for works to trees in the Parish Church Graveyard and the conversion of an agricultural building in Rensley Lane to a dwelling were supported.

The Parish Council will meet again on Wednesday 6th October at 7-30pm.

ABOUT THE LAPFORD BOOK CLUB

You may have read the monthly review that the Lapford Book Club send in to the Lapford Lookout. I thought you might also want to know a bit about the book club itself.

We are a group of local residents (mostly ladies of a certain age) who meet once a month at The ARK to discuss the latest book that we have all read. The actual books are selected from a great long list that we are sent every summer from which we have to select 24 books. Each month a set, normally 10 books, is sent to the library at Crediton for collection just before our meeting date. We never know which of the 24 books we will be getting. As often, when selecting the books we are interested in, we only know the title and author so we do sometimes get a book that no one in the group really enjoys. This happened recently with American Gods. I really loved it but everyone else hated it. As everyone is forwarded the list of proposed books and asked to pick as many as they fancy, the resulting list depends on the chosen books I receive. I will then go through and count up the votes for any book and the 24 most popular titles are sent to the library. I tell myself that if they get a book that they do not enjoy, perhaps next year they should make sure that they tick off the books they really want to read.

The library charges, at present, £60 per year. We do not have, like some book clubs, to buy our own copies each month. That charge is divided between the number of members we have so it is normally below 50p a month. We also donate a sum to The ARK for allowing us to use their cafe, a lovely place to hold our meetings.

All this may sound a bit dry, it is anything but!! The range of opinions about the book often take our discussions off in all sorts directions, nothing to do with the book at all. By 4.00 we really feel we have put the world to rights. Often the talk produces interesting advice on a problem from that month's book or just something that I never knew anything about. We may be talking about a television program, an event held in the village or as mundane as what to do with a glut of courgettes. I actually wonder sometimes if we enjoy this part of the book club more than reading the books.

If you would like to know anything else or are interested in joining us, please contact me: **Jill Doe**, 01363 83410, or, just turn up on the first Monday of the month at 2.30pm and meet us all.

CHULMLEIGH FLORAL ART CLUB - WE ARE BACK!

Following our AGM on September 15th 2021, we are very pleased to announce that a new Committee has been formed and our monthly meetings will recommence on Wednesday 20th October at Chulmleigh Pavilion at 7.30pm.

Our demonstrator that evening will be Sheila Hadlow Mount. Sheila is very experienced in flower arranging as not only is she a National Teacher, she is an Area Demonstrator for Devon and Cornwall and the Area treasurer for NAFAS and until her retirement in 2016 a qualified florist for 32 years!

Her title for the demonstration is: "The Joy of Flowers and Friendship"- a wonderful start to our new season.

As the winter evenings draw in we would like to invite everyone interested in a fun evening of flower arranging to come and join our friendly club. You will all be warmly welcomed.

We hold a raffle and if you are one of the lucky winners you can take home a beautiful arrangement from the evening's demonstration.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served at the end of the meeting to enjoy a time to chat and make new friends.

Please come and join us and for any further information please contact:

Joan Rowland, 01769 581241 - terryjoa@btinternet.com

or: Heather Russell, 01769 581258 - heather.russell0007@gmail.com

NEEDED PLEASE

Are there any Qualified First Aiders willing to help Lapford Village when required for village activities?



Please contact Roy Trevaskis - 07399 454943.

Lapford Lookout Website Developer

The Lapford Project 2000 Committee (LP2K) is looking for someone with the skills, time and energy to build a new website for the **Lapford Lookout** and the **Lapford Village Archive**.

While the Lapford Lookout is available on the Lapford Village Website the LP2K Committee need to do so much more to make a large library of past Lapford Lookouts and their wealth of stories that are of historic interest.

LP2K is also in the process of cataloguing the extensive archive of written, photographic and audio materials based at the Orchard Centre.

For both tasks we seek someone who can assist with a new website.

If you are interested or know someone who would be prepared to take on this role then please contact the team through the Lapford Lookout contacts or for an informal conversation with LP2K Chair write to steve.keable@btinternet.com or call Lapford 83200.

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW:

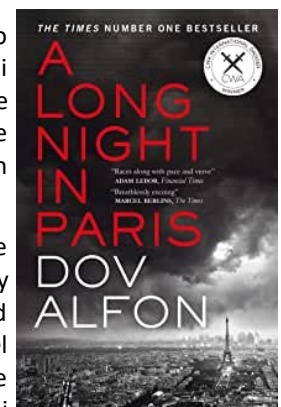
A LONG NIGHT IN PARIS BY DOV ALFON (TRANSLATED FROM HEBREW BY DANIELLA ZAMIR)

The story begins in Charles de Gaulle Airport when a young computer technician arrives on a flight from Israel for a computer fair. Known as a womaniser, his fellow technicians watch as he spots a very attractive blond in a red dress, he makes a bee line for her and disappears with her in the lift. His colleagues become worried when he fails to arrive on the ground floor.

The Chief of the Airport Police is away on holiday so the Chief of Paris Police Leger is called in to investigate. Concerned that a diplomatic crisis could be looming, the newly appointed Head of the Israeli Unit 8200 Special Intelligence Section Colonel Zeev Abadi happens to also be on the same flight and the two start to investigate. They discover that the lift was taken to the top floor of the airport where building works were in progress. Access is limited to the Contractor and site workers but there is no sign of the missing young man and the blond woman in a red dress.


When a second young man is kidnapped from his hotel room at gunpoint the Secret Services Intelligence Unit 8200 Special Cyber Section in Israel are put on high alert. Leger and Abadi begin an uneasy relationship to try to solve the mystery but when the bodies of three Chinese are discovered murdered by Chinese Gangsters on a bridge in Paris the situation becomes very confused. In Israel newly appointed deputy head of Unit 8200, Lt. Oriana Talmor is trying to discover the identities of the murder victims. She becomes embroiled in in-fighting between various departments of Israeli Intelligence who are not willing to share information.

French Politicians and Police, US and Russian Secret Services are all jockeying to solve the unfolding drama. There are a lot of red herrings, mistaken identities, mayhem and murders. Initially the novel seemed confused by the number of characters and different intelligence and defence organisation with politicians thrown in for good measure, oh and the Chinese gangs killing each other! All becomes clear in the second part of the book where various threads come together making an interesting read full of twists and turns. Fascinating to have some insight into the way various intelligence agency and police departments work, especially since the Author was a former intelligence officer in Unit 8200 of the Israeli High Security Service. We could wonder how much of the book is fiction and what could be fact. The author Dov Alfon has won various awards for this his very enjoyable and exciting first novel, think we shall be waiting in anticipation for his next book.



Wendy Hall

A HUMOROUS LOOK AT WORDS

Asphalt	Rectum trouble.	
Avoidable	What a bullfighter tries to do.	
Baloney	Where some hemlines fall.	
Bernadette	The act of torching a mortgage.	
Burglarise	What a crook sees with.	
Control	A short, ugly inmate.	
Counterfeiters	Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.	
Eclipse	What an English barber does for a living.	
Eyedropper	A clumsy ophthalmologist.	
Heroes	What a guy in a boat does.	
Left Bank	What the robber did when his bag was full of loot.	
Parasites	What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.	
Pharmacist	A helper on the farm.	
Polarise	What polar bears see with.	
Primate	Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.	
Relief	What trees do in the spring.	
Rubberneck	What you do to relax your wife.	
Selfish	What the owner of a seafood store does.	
Subdued	A guy that works on a submarine.	

DIALECT CHUCKLE

Image taken from an email from South West Heritage Trust. Thought to have come from the Brentor Jubilee Scrapbook.



"EF YU WUZ TU SPAKE PLAIN ENGLISH, MAISTER, P'RAPS US CUD UNDERSTAND WOT YU BE CHATTERIN' 'BOUT!"

LAPFORD REVEL

An enormous "thank you" to the Revel Committee for the surprise present I was given on Friday 4th September. That was such a lovely thought and the vase is something I will really treasure as a reminder of many meetings and Revels in the past, and hopefully looking forward to many Revels to come. It has been a real privilege to work with amazing colleagues over the past years to put together an increasingly complex annual village celebration with a different theme each time. We have had Cowboys - with shootouts, Vikings, the Summer of Love, steam engines, processions, circuses, jugglers, magicians, giants and so much more, but all based around the dedication of our Parish Church to Thomas a Becket.



This year's Revel was no exception. A whole year usually goes into Revel planning, but not this time due to Covid! The event was drawn together in a few short weeks by an amazing group of volunteers, mainly the new Revel Committee with input from Heart of Lapford; and what an event it was! How wonderful to see people and families out enjoying themselves together, for the crowning of two Kings and Queens, and celebrating the opening of our new community space in the village on the Friday evening with food and music and dancing; games, a Dog Show, and music and more delicious food on the Playing Field on Saturday, not forgetting the Garden Club Show and the Ark's amazing cream teas in the Hall; and the service in the Church on Sunday rightfully reminding us why Lapford has a Revel, but also looking forward to the future. All just what was needed to celebrate the opening up of society again after so much restriction.

A special "thank you" to the children (and their parents) who took part this year in the Royal party, in the games and in the Revel Service on Sunday. Well done for an amazing effort and your part in making the weekend such a memorable one.

Sue Briant-Evans

RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY MEDICINE BLISTER PACKETS AND RAISE MONEY FOR MARIE CURIE

Are you a patient of one of Mid Devon Medical Practice sites at Morchard Bishop, Cheriton Fitzpaine or Witheridge? Hoping to be greener and recycle more? Well, we've got great news for you! We've teamed up with TerraCycle UK and Superdrug Pharmacy so you can recycle your empty medicine blister packets. For every blister packet collected, TerraCycle will donate points to Superdrug pharmacies to be redeemed into financial donations towards Marie Curie.

Start collecting empty medicine blisters so the next time you visit your Surgery you can drop them off in the dedicated collection boxes. Start collecting your little packs now and start making a big impact!

Look out for collection boxes at your Surgery or visit your local Superdrug.

ACCEPTED WASTE: Any brand of EMPTY blister/foil packs.

WASTE THAT IS NOT ACCEPTED: Any form of unused, unopened and out-of-date medicine, including tablets, pills, lozenges and caplets as medicine should be returned to pharmacy for safe disposal.

Cardboard packaging as this can be recycled through local council facilities.

Any other medicine containers such as bottles, inhalers or sprays.

Not only are we helping the environment, but the waste we recycle also helps us raise money for charitable causes.

For more information about this charitable recycling programme visit www.terracycle.com

A huge thank you from **Mid Devon Practices PPG**



JAM JARS



Please, a request for unwanted jam jars! People are happy to make jam for the Ark but need a supply of jars to put it in! (No honey or pickle jars though). Any spare, washed jars – with or without lids gratefully received at the Ark. Many thanks.

Sue Briant-Evans



LAPFORD VILLAGE MARKET



Saturday 30th October, 10-1pm

Lapford Victory Hall

Local produce stalls

Handmade crafts

Foodbank drop off point

Tea, coffee and snacks

Children's activity stall in aid of FLS

Bric-a-brac / sales tables and much more

To book a stall / table please call Stacey

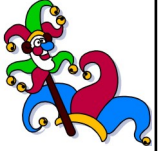
on 07891 556884 or email

lapfordvillagemarket@gmail.com

£5 per stall

LAPFORD REVEL

The Revel Committee along with Lower Town Place would like to thank everyone for their efforts in producing a successful and safe Revel in 2021. We look forward to publishing a fuller account of the challenges and victories, along with a date for our AGM in the next issue.



Alex Gater

REVEL KINGS, QUEENS, CROWNERS AND ATTENDEES

2020 Queen Ava Curtis and King Jacob Bundy
Crowners: Megan Heale-Smith and Ferdy Dickinson.

2021 Queen Iris Illusion Hayes and King Ruben Hart
Crowners: Jasmine Osborne and George Hustwayte.

Year 6 Rebecca Lumsdon - Queen's attendant.

Year 5 Iris Adams/ Bradley Barker

Year 4 Annemiek Gardner / Sophia Trendell

Year 3 Kaden Down/ Calley Fletcher

Year 2 Enid Hayes / Hannah Hill

Year 1 William Wensley

Reception Harrison Adams / Ebony Rice



CYRIL COLE WILDFLOWER MEADOW COMPETITION

We would like to invite you to take part in the inaugural Cyril Cole Wildflower meadow competition in 2022. Cyril worked tirelessly to create and maintain the wildflower meadows on his land, and he supported many others to do the same on theirs. He was a source of wisdom and inspiration and when he passed away we lost a great advocate for wildlife in North Devon. As a mark of remembrance and to continue Cyril's great work we would like to invite people in Northern Devon to create or improve a wildflower meadow and enter it into this competition next year.

The competition will have three categories:

Garden meadow – anyone with a garden can put over a part of it to wild flowers (Gardens can be up to 1 acre in size, no minimum area limit)

Community group meadow – we invite community groups and schools who have a community space to create their own meadows (no minimum area limit).

Landowner's meadow – this category is open to people who have more land (over 1 acre) and are able to put aside more space for wildflowers.

To take part simply create or improve your meadow this year and then send us a short description of your work (150 words) and three photos. We will then shortlist and may ask to visit some of the best meadows before choosing the winner! The judging will be carried out by a small panel of local wildlife enthusiasts who knew Cyril and worked with him on meadow creation projects.



When we have chosen a winner, we'd love to share photos and information about their meadows in local magazines and online so we can inspire others. We're also planning to have a prize giving day to celebrate all things wildflower!

The prize will be £100 for the winner of each category. The overall winner will receive a small trophy which will be engraved and passed on to future winners.

Please submit your application to: meadowcompetition@gmail.com. Deadline for entries is 15th July 2022. We look forward to receiving your entries. Good luck!

LAPFORD LOCKDOWN MEMORIES (as read during the Revel Service)

In 1918, at the end of the war,
A virus arrived at Lapford's door.
It took village lives—
Caused immeasurable distress.
There were no jabs. No NHS.

A century later we've been to the moon;
A trip to Mars is coming soon.
We're so sophisticated,
Logical,
Academic.
But we didn't see coming another pandemic.

We entered a time that we didn't expect,
But a time that made us stop and reflect.
We all have memories of Lapford's lockdown
I wanted to share a few of mine.

I will remember:
Walks towards Burr ridge Moor
And a flourish of nature, not seen before.
Birds singing unabated
As if nature itself had waited
For the spoil of man's century-old-motor-car-parade
To drop down a gear
And finally fade.

I will remember:
The newfound joy of a family ramble
Past championed verges and hedges of bramble
Where Orange Tips played in freedom dance
And my kids marvelled at spring-time's advance;
Realising, perhaps, the bright world to be seen
Away from the glare of the computer screen.
And near Holywell Hill-
"Listen boys! A skylark singing as it climbs";
A forgotten memory from *my* childhood times.

2020

Was tainted by fear,
But there *were* good memories in that lockdown year.

Spring became summer-
A summer of sun-
But home schooling was needed
(it wasn't much fun).

Novelty faded and things grew dark;
No social activity; no tea in The Ark;
No village news (the only scoop around here
Had long closed its doors and stopped pulling beer).
The village, it seemed, was stuck on pause,
And there could be no 'Revel without a cause'.

The casualty figures came each afternoon,
And we all knew that Lapford was not immune.
The graphs from Chris Whitty
Didn't look pretty.
Boris hoped it would all end soon.

Fearfully,
seriously,
carefully,
We lived our lives.

From St. Thomas' tower a rainbow flag flew-
A symbol of hope and a symbol too
Of our thanks to those with dedication
On long-Covid shifts,
In exasperation,
Desperation,
Living through frightful scene after scene
With little break in-between.

For those NHS heroes, all we could do
Was clap and cheer for a minute or two.
But this Thursday ritual came from the heart
And the village came out to play its part.
My boys made a din, with a biscuit tin.
And a dozen houses down,
The Hemsworths raised a gin.
We'd wave to the Drews: "any village news?"
So little to report; so little to enthuse.

Then Roland the amp man across the road,
Would open his window for sound to explode!
David Bowie, Major Tom, Vera Lynn:
We all sang along-
Then we all went back in,
Knowing 'we'll meet again' in another week ,
For Roland's— Delightful-Jukebox-Treat.

Between these moments
There was silence— a war-time silence—
On the village street
And the longing of seeing someone to meet.

Daily pressures to win and succeed
In the supercharged lives that we chose to lead—
were gone.
No rat race.
Time passed by at a different pace.
The church clock: broken down.
It's quarterly chime:
Superfluous
When we weren't counting time.

Winter winds blew the rainbow flag.
Now half-a rainbow: a tattered rag.
But still we hoped.

And for those on their own living below
It could be days between each "Hello"

But herein lies the story of people who cared
Community angels, who spared
Their time, their energy
For those in need-
Shopping trips, a silent deed,
Cooking meals, sorting medication.
Men and women who with dedication
Set about a kind-hearted mission.
Silently working without recognition.
Caring for family or caring for neighbours
From running the food bank to odd little labours.

These were Lapford's heroes

The biblical rainbow, offered belief
When a dove returned with an olive leaf.
And our olive branch, was a new vaccine,
Offering hope, when hope wasn't seen.

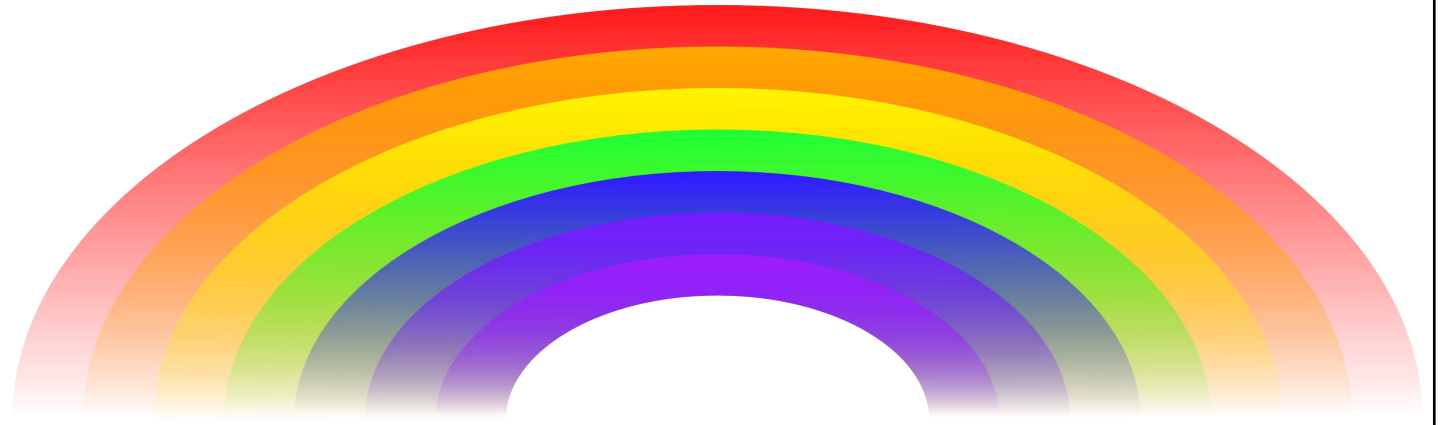
Autumn 2021

The flag gone, new life begun.
Our Ark now open, we've even had a Revel.
Covid rates slowly fall like Noah's water level.

And as we restart our lives again,
And hug again,
And experience again,

Hold out a hand for those still in pain.
Dreams shattered, financial cost
Mental health issues, loved ones lost.

Unfurloughed, unmasked,
We now step out with care.
Lapford might be different, but
'community' is still there.



EATING IN THE 50'S

1. Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
6. Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.
7. Crisps were plain; the only choice was whether to put the salt on or not.
8. A Chinese Chippy was a foreign carpenter.
9. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
10. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
11. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
12. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
13. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
14. Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle.
15. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
16. Only Heinz made beans.
17. Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
18. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
19. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
20. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
21. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
22. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
23. Cooking outside was called camping.
24. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
25. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
26. Prunes were medicinal.
27. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
28. Water came out of the tap. If someone has suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
29. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50's and 60's: elbows or phones!

BANG!

An elderly country gentleman had actively ridden until he was nearly ninety. He attributed his long life and good health to his rather unusual habit of a daily dose of gun powder.

When he finally died aged 97, he left six children, fourteen grand-children, and a 48 foot crater at the crematorium.

Source: The Horse Lover's Joke Book by Suzan St Maur

RECIPE FOR PREPARING AND PRESERVING CHILDREN

Take a large green field, sprinkle liberally with buttercups and daisies.

Add a brook of clear water.

Tip into mixture six children (any size will do), greased well with care and patience, and one large dog (optional).

As children should always be baked in their skins, it is essential to give them a good scrub.

At any sign of curdling, add a large dash of firmness and good humour.

Cover the mixture with a clear blue sky and bake in the warm sun until golden brown.

When done, stuff with their favourite filling and slip between crisp white sheets.

Repeat as necessary.

Children prepared in this way are really delicious.

The recipe can fail, however, if one important detail is omitted: children should be wrapped afresh every day in a generous layer of love and cuddles.

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24th	Away	Lapford AFC v Okehampton Reserves	2-0
28th	Home	Lapford AFC v Lyme Regis	3-1

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Premier Division Play-off	Lapford AFC v Lyme Regis	1-0
Throgmorton Cup Semi-final	Lapford v North Molton	1-0
Throgmorton Cup Final	Lapford v The Windmill	1-0

P2—W2—D0—L0—Goals F5—A1 = GD + 4, 6pts.

There were three away friendlies 2 were won and one was drawn.

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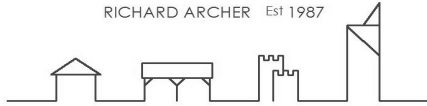
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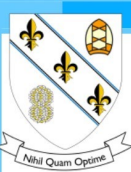
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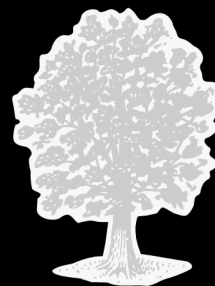
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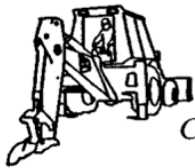


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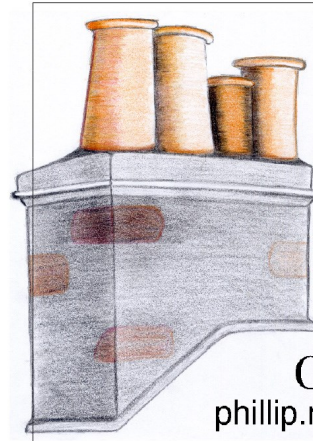
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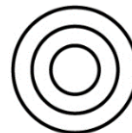


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LADIES OF LAPFORD DIARY DATES

Thursday 21st October—Join us and Gary Holpin for a photographic journey around the South West Coastal Path

Thursday 18th November—Christmas Table Decorations with Katie Turley

Thursday 16th December—Christmas Meal at the Old Malt Scoop

Thursday 20th January—Games Evening



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After the two lovely events that have been held on Lower Town Place, I would like to congratulate those involved in the hard work getting it set up.

"The Tuck Inn" in August was my first chance to get an idea of how the space in the centre of Lapford could be used. The weather was perfect and the entertainment a delight.

In early September, the opening ceremony took place as part of the Lapford Revel. Once again the sun shone on Lapford and with the backdrop of the beautiful church, Lower Town Place became the centre for the village.

I must admit that when the idea for Lower Town Place was first discussed, I had massive doubts, especially regarding the costs involved. I am now grateful that the various committees persevered and we now have a beautiful green centre to Lapford. Mind you, I will be watching the pennies in the future and if I feel that reckless spending is being planned.. watch out. I will be breathing down your necks!!

Jill Doe



THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK

Love is not just a noun; it's a verb. It's not what you think or feel; it's what you do.

When Mother Teresa arrived in Calcutta in 1948, one of the first things she did was to pick up five abandoned children and bring them to her "school". Before the year ended, she had forty-one students learning about hygiene in her classroom, which was a public park. Soon her work became known as "The Missionaries of Charity". Within two years their attention turned to the care of the dying, and a beggar found dying on a rubbish heap was picked up and brought to her. Hunger and suffering had reduced him to a virtual skeleton. Mother Teresa took him home and put him to bed. When she tried to wash him, she discovered that his body was covered with worms. Pieces of skin came off as she bathed him. For a brief moment the man revived. In his semi-conscious state he asked, "Why do you do it?" Mother Teresa responded with two words that were the hall mark of her life: "For love."

Don't be so busy that you see people as irritants and inconveniences, standing in the way of your getting things done. What is hard, is to rise above our self-centred feelings and love them. Perhaps we think this is no big deal. Think again. The Bible says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4: 7,8

Taken from United Christian Broadcast notes. 11 September.

The ARK was set up to encourage and bless the community. We may not always get it right but we felt our role was to make people feel welcome and be there for people. The atmosphere in The ARK has changed, would you believe the Café has been open for over seven years, where has that time gone? Looking back, it has been full of amazing and wonderful times. Upstairs we now have a good collection of books for you to borrow, a lovely selection for young people to choose from. Fancy a DVD night, we can help you there, as we have quite a selection. The ARK café and upstairs are open on a Tuesday and Friday.

Thank you for your support and help, thank you, too, for your donations to the Foodbank, especially during lock down. Who knows what will be happening in another seven years, or what will be happening at The ARK.

I guess you could say "watch this space"!

The ARK Team



BOOK REVIEW: THE ORIGINS OF IRIS BY BETH LEWIS

I made an appearance on the Radio 2 Bookclub (available on BBC Sounds, 08/09/21) I did this with some trepidation. I mean, we all love the concept of a free book and appearing with Steve Wright. But you know, the former generally disappoints. And so, I was pleasantly surprised by this book. It uses the conventions of a horror novel to explore philosophical concepts. I know that sounds heavy, but it is a genuinely pacy read.

Iris lives in New York and has basically given up on her dreams. Her relationship with her wife Claude is abusive. Iris packs a rucksack and heads for a cabin upstate. There she meets a woman called Iris who resembles her (but with better hair!); but has taken the opposite of her every decision. Whilst that is weird enough, the spirit of Claude is there too. And with a storm approaching, bigger problems are about to hit them.

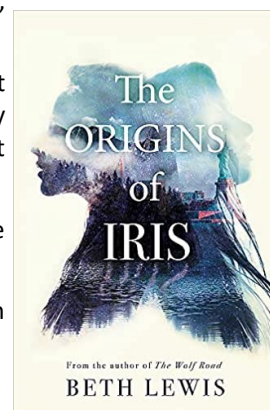
Ok, so “The Cabin In The Woods” is one thing, but a storm is just a metaphor for sex and death. The book’s blurb makes that apparent, as well as referencing the film *Sliding Doors*; which I think sells the book short of what it genuinely is. The book’s big twist – who is this other Iris? - is discussed, but never disclosed. We know the significance of the cabin, but is it an alternate universe? A psychodrama? A dream? That’s a brave narrative leap.

And let’s ignore the problem of an unreliable narrator. Iris isn’t a completely loveable character. She left her previous girlfriend Bella for Claude. This other Iris is married to Bella, but her universe isn’t exactly perfect either. Plus, in there is a shocking scene between Iris and Claude. If anything, it speaks a lot about toxic relationships and the end result of two people irreparably damaged by events.

It would be too much to reveal that final third, which resolves all the narrative threads and ends with the reader catching your breath, then exhaling deeply.

Packaged like a thriller, perfect for discussion on afternoon radio, this books gets you thinking in parentheses and manages to entertain at the same time.

Kev McCready

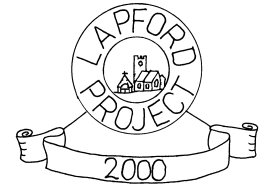


REPORT FROM HEART OF LAPFORD DEVELOPMENT BOARD PRESENTED TO LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

1. As the nation returns to a new normal following the Covid pandemic the Board felt that with the onset of a new Autumn Season a written report to Lapford Parish Council would be of assistance, especially to the new Councillors and would record recent positive progress.
2. With the resumption of the Lapford Lookout in Autumn 2020, local organisations have been able to provide updates through our monthly village magazine. With other organisations, the Board has been no exception reporting the completion of Lower Town Place site clearance, landscaping and opening at the end of October.
3. HOLD and the Victory Hall Management Committee have and are working together for improved community facilities, with grant aid for the purchase of the small allotment, purchase of two temporary storage containers to provide additional useable safe space within the Hall. Together both organisations have a single unified booking system using the same terms and conditions.
4. New facilities for the community bring new opportunities. This summer, together with the easing of the pandemic rules Lapford Youth Club has been able to restart using both the Victory Hall and Lower Town Place. With 47 children on the register for 7 – 12 year olds, supported by a rota of 16 adults, details of this and the call to recruit a second team of adult volunteers can be read in the September Lapford Lookout.
5. New opportunities bring new challenges to be resolved. For children to use Lower Town Place safely new measures needed to be worked though. This required people to sit down and talk through the issues and find resolutions. This is exactly what happened in June between those with an interest in dogs and children. The result was the ‘Community Plan for Dog Users at Lower Town Place’ received by the Parish Council in July and published in the Lapford Lookout in August.
6. The self-closing gates, within the plan, have now been installed. These are intended to protect children during activity sessions and to prevent stray dogs getting into the grassed areas when they don’t have responsible owners to remove mess. The 7-points of the plan can now be implemented – one of these was a LPC/MDDC request to relocate to Orchard Way ‘Dog Bin’? Does the Council have an answer to this question?
7. The first open-air community theatre event happened in mid-August with the Common Players production of Tuck Inn providing entertainment and food for an audience of some 100 people. Building on this success more events are in planning for 2022.
8. The pandemic deferred Revel happens this weekend with the Procession arriving at Lower Town Place for the Crowning, formal Opening Ceremony and a Ceilidh.
9. Lower Town Place is freely available to people for informal social activity, play, association, exercise, to sit and read, draw and paint, chat, meet or think, contemplate and enjoy the space. There is more to be discussed and done. Future reports will bring new proposals such as improved access to the Victory Hall or similar improvements for community benefit once these have taken shape.
10. The Board awaits the request for separate meetings with the Council on the residual budget and Church Green Trustees on proposed boundary works.

DO YOU ENJOY THE COLOURING PAGE?

We would love to see what you do with the colouring page that now appears every month in the Lapford Lookout and therefore we invite you to show us your artistic colouring skills by sending us a photograph or a scan of your attempts along with your name (and age if under 16) to lapfordlookout@gmail.com. We will choose 2 of our favourites to share in the Lapford Lookout next month.



THE FARMING YEAR – AUTUMN

A brief look at what is taking place on local farms through the seasons. On the whole farms have grown fewer and larger. Many of the smaller family run farms have had to either diversify or specialise in order to achieve any sort of income, although this has for many years been supplemented by support grants, which are due to be phased out over the next few years. Environmental protection and enhancement, not food production, will be the government's priority. 30 years ago there were at least 10 dairy herds in the parish, now just 3 or 4.

Tupping (mating) of ewes may have already been taking place for a couple of months, but can still continue into the autumn. Lambs born earlier in the year will still be sent off to market, either as stores or if grown well enough, as fat lambs for the meat trade. Those farms with the Dorset breed will be lambing towards the end of the year. Gestation of ewes is around 5 months, so those aiming to lamb in the spring will want to have their sheep tupped by the start of October.



This is the main season for harvesting apples and for a few farms, the production of cider can commence. There are still one or two ancient apple presses in use locally but production by and large is on a much reduced scale compared with 50 years ago.

With autumn starting to move in fast, on the mixed farms of Mid-Devon farmers will be busy looking to cultivate and drill wheat and barley to prepare for the crop yield next year. A harvest of maize will be taken in as winter feed for cattle (unless already harvested at the end of September), so expect further tractor movements on local lanes until this has been done.

Farmers also take on the lengthy task of cutting back hedges around the farm and countryside, which will continue through the new year until the end of February when wildlife will begin nesting or breeding within the hedgerows and cutting will have to cease. Roadside hedges need cutting back every year, for safety reasons, but other hedges can quite happily be left for a year or two, to the benefit of local wildlife.

Winter is pretty much upon us as October turns into November. As the grazing grass starts to die with the onset of frosts, farmers will be feeding up their livestock and keeping them protected from the elements inside the cattle shed. On mild dry days cattle may be turned out for a few hours to graze what little fresh growth there may be and feel the sun on their backs.

Other maintenance jobs are often started in the autumn, one of these being the ancient craft of hedge laying, still performed by one or two in the parish. It may be a very time consuming craft, but does produce a stock proof hedge, a load of firewood, and a much healthier hedgerow from a biodiversity point of view.

Andy Epstein



MY MEMORIES OF LAPFORD

I came to Lapford in August 1960 when my brother Steven was three months old, and my half sister Ruth was sixteen. Dad had taken the job as Station Master at Lapford; he had a choice of two stations but preferred Lapford because of the Ambrosia factory and the freight traffic it created. Like all small boys Steven was obsessed with trains and spent many hours looking out of the 'best room' window which looked out on the platform. Before he started school engine drivers used to stop outside, knock on the house door and ask "does the boy want to come for a ride?" He would climb up in the cab and they would chuff down the line towards Eggesford, they would deliver a churn of water to the railway cottages where Mr and Mrs Rookes lived. They had no running water and I believe water was delivered every day. I wonder how many small boys would be allowed to travel on the footplate of a steam engine at the age of just three or four?

My friend Christine Wooldridge's dad was the relief fireman on the line up to Barnstaple and her mum worked the crossing gates at Chenson. Other names associated with the railway station were Derek Pearce and Kenny Waldron who drove a bubble car.

My Mum Barbara (Darke) was active in Lapford WI and committee meetings were sometimes held in the Malt Scoop run by Mrs Partridge and her daughter Phyllis. The school bus was run by Maurice Burrows who also kept a pub and a shop. The local vicar was the Reverend Norman Adcock and I seem to remember his wife was Austrian. I think the Sunday school teacher was called Phyllis Benfield but cannot be sure. The garage on the main road was run by Mr and Mrs Melhuish who had a son called Richard. My late sister Ruth was great friends with Sandra Lake whose husband had a butcher's shop. Their daughter Melissa is commemorated in the village with a shelter.

When I started work for a firm of accountants in Exeter they expanded and took over another firm called Guard and Co. Amongst the staff who came to work in our offices was Terry Rounsefell. His mum used to serve the school dinners at Lapford School when I was there. No packed lunches in those days - you either went home or had a school dinner.

Anyway that's enough reminiscing on my part.

Joan Smith (nee Darke)

Lapford School 1966



Top row, left to right: Unknown, David Stride, Unknown, Andrew Leach, Elizabeth Bragg, Miriam Smalldon, Frank Leach, Kenny Butt.

Middle row, left to right: Delyth Evans, Julie Hitchcock, Christine Wooldridge, Patricia Wonnacott, Stewart Quick, Clive Hodge, Mike Leach, Sandra Clements, Joan Darke.

Front row, left to right: Susan Steer, Julianna Santoro, Unknown, Rachel Bibbings, Malcolm Rounsley, Shirley Buckingham, Graham Rookes, Jacqueline Hodge, Unknown, Marina Rookes.

Seated front: Joan Squance, David Baldwin, Anne Matthews.

Picture from Joan Smith (nee Darke), courtesy of Christine Lock (nee Wooldridge). Additional names provided by Denise Passmore. Who can fill in the gaps?"

LOWER TOWN PLACE OFFICIAL OPENING 2021

Narrator: This piece of land has been a feature of village life for centuries.
 King: Here Old Bill Manning tended his cows.
 Queen: As some villagers will probably well remember.

Narrator: Here, 100 years ago stood a large round horse gin used by Albert Arscott to crush apples to make cider for village farmworkers.
 Queen: Despite the fact that he ran the village Temperance Hotel.
 King: Where alcohol was strictly banned!

Narrator: And for at least 500 years, here stood a large, thatched house whose lands stretched to Popes Wood and down to the river Yeo.
 King: Until it was burnt to the ground.
 Queen: Watched by horrified villagers.

Narrator: And a thousand year ago, who knows?
 Queen: Could this have been the site of Lapford's long lost manor, the home of an important family of great wealth?
 King: Or was this the piece of land where villagers joined together for weekly archery practice, and meals together?

Narrator: Today the land is again a community piece of land.
 King: And the open view of the church can be enjoyed.
 Queen: For the first time in centuries.

Narrator: Now that the land has returned to open space ...
 Queen: Who knows what events and activities it will see in the decades and centuries to come.
 King: And the smiles it will bring to young people.
 Narrator: And the not so young!

Narrator: We can be glad that it is a community space.
 King: Whose future will be for the pleasure and enjoyment of all.

Queen: Therefore, as your Lapford Queen.
 King: And King.
 Queen: We are really, really pleased.
 Together: To open this piece of land for us all!



NEW KIT FOR LAPFORD AFC

The photo right shows Cat and Jonathan Willats of the Old Malt Scoop presenting the new kit sponsored by them to Club Chairman, Nick Tucker.

The associated photo below is of the team in the new kit prior to the first home game of the Devon and Exeter League Premier Division and with the team looking to defend their crown as Champions for the 2020/21 season.

Niall McAreavey



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	40 Views



LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETING (LOL)

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**Thursday 21st October
7.30 at The ARK**

Come and join us and Gary
Holpin who talks us through
his photographic journey
around the amazing South
West Coastal Path



**Thursday 18th
November**

Kate, one of our newer
members and skilled in
Floristry, is going to
demonstrate how
to make a festive
table decoration for
our Christmas tables.



Please come and join us

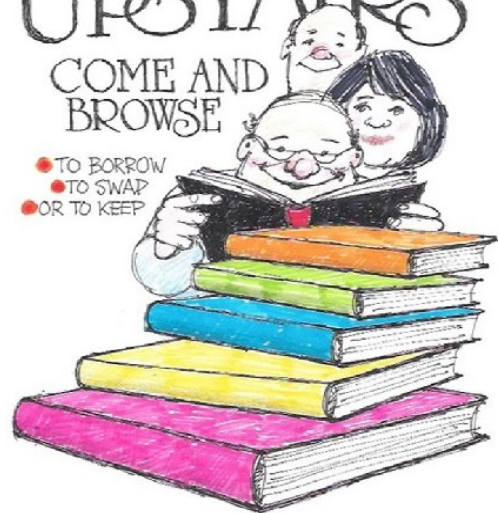


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They can also be purchased from:

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LAPFORD

HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday 2nd October
6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.**

VICTORY HALL

Choice of soups, casseroles & desserts

Adults £5.00, Teenage Children £2.50,

Under 12's FREE

Bookings via

Joan Graham (83047)

Briony Clinch (83666)

Peter Lacey (07775 941505)

or at The Ark

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invites you to join us
for a

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

**Sunday 3rd October
9.30 a.m.**

A Lay Led Service

The Church will be open and decorated
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LAPFORD
GOT
T★LENT?**

Lapford Amateur Dramatic Society are looking for adults who would like to take part in our Christmas Variety Show on the 10th and 11th December!

Can YOU Sing! Dance? Act?? Do Magic? Make us la-ha-ha-augh!!!! Or.... maybe something else?

L.A.D.S. want to hear from you! - This is your moment!

Open Talent Evening! - Monday, 4th of October at Lapford Congregational Church 7pm - 9pm.
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