



OUR CHURCH GREEN NEEDS A FACELIFT AND FENCE RENEWAL

[Coronation Community Volunteer Initiative]



We need:

Moles: to dig holes for posts and

Muckers: to Muck in and assist and become

Makers: that Make our Church Green one to be even more proud of and

Matchers: The OAK for the fence posts and rails has been donated from a local woodland [lightning strike]. We need **Matchers** to cover the cost of creating the posts and rails.

Matcher a post for £30 each - 12 needed

Matcher a rail for £15 [two for most posts] - 20 needed

**To volunteer as a Mole, Mucker, Maker and/or
become a Matcher to sponsor posts and rails contact:**

Abi Whittaker [Chair of Church Green Trust] at

Abigail's Beauty Retreat - **07565 768386**

Email: abigail.whittaker@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk

Remember,
The Church Green has
been community owned
since 1909.

So, it's ours to use
and look after!





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

April 1st SPRING FAYRE – 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – in church

April 2nd PALM SUNDAY – 11.00 am -

Churches Together at the Congregational Church

Procession leaves from Orchard Cross Car Park at 10.30 a.m.

April 7th GOOD FRIDAY - 2.00 p.m. - **Stations of the Cross**

April 9th EASTER SUNDAY -10.30 a.m. – **EASTER EUCHARIST**

April 16th 9.30 a.m. - Lay Led Morning Prayer

April 23rd 9.30 a.m. - Common Worship Eucharist

April 30th 10.00 a.m. - **Mission Community Eucharist** at Zeal Monachorum

There will be a CORONATION CELEBRATION SERVICE on SUNDAY MAY 7th at 11.00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER SERVICES



LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays

Contact: Caroline Gilpin **83674**; Peter and Viv Lacey **07775 941505**;

Cat Seymour **884432**; Helen Wyatt **07964 855677**.

email: lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com

www. [facebook.com/lapfordcongregationalchurch](https://www.facebook.com/lapfordcongregationalchurch)



Services:

2nd April – Palm Sunday Joint Service starting at the village car park at 10.30 a.m.

9th April – Easter Sunday All Age Family Service led by Merrill Archer

16th April – Service led by Cat Seymour

23rd April – All Age Family Service led by Cat Seymour

30th April – Service led by Rev. Caroline Stott

7th May – Joint Coronation Service at the Parish Church

LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets every Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Victory Hall

4th Sunday of the month is Family Service

Fellowship Group on Wednesdays 7.00 p.m. upstairs in The ARK

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

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

Please visit our website for information about the Foodbank and The 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.*



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



I am very sad to inform you that Noel Parry passed away peacefully on Friday 17th March. Noel was a very important character in the village and only moved away a few years ago. He will be dearly missed by so many. Next month's issue will include an article to celebrate his life and contribution to Lapford.

Beccy

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lapford Youth Club Management Committee

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 4th April 2023
7.30 p.m. The ARK



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome

lapfordlookout@gmail.com

Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:
6.00 p.m. on the 14th April for inclusion in the May issue



LAPFORD OUTREACH POST OFFICE



OPENING HOURS:

Monday 9.00 - 12.00
Wednesday 9.00 - 12.00
Friday 9.00 - 12.00

LAPFORD'S DEFIBRILATOR



is on the outside of
The Orchard Centre
in Orchard Way

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LAPFORD A.F.C.



FOUNDED 1919

TANK SHERMAN

A grand evening of music and merriment was started by Frank and Mike with their own brand of "Country" and the odd cover of other genres of music.

By the time Tank Sherman came onto the stage the audience were warmed up to appreciate anything he had to offer. He didn't disappoint us and kept us laughing the whole time. If you haven't already been to see him, you really should come the next time. I say "next time" as I am sure he will descend upon us again at sometime in the future.

Thank you to LAFC for organising this event and I hope that you made a few pounds for the Football Club.

Jeanne Whittaker



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

April

- 1st Quizzical Afternoon Tea, Victory Hall, 3.00-5.00pm
- 1st Lapford Litter Pick, from the Orchard Centre, 10.00am
- 4th Nominations for Parish Council election close
- 4th Lapford Youth Club Management Committee AGM, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 8th Easter Egg Hunt Trail, Victory Hall, 2.00-4.00pm
- 11th Lapford Gardening Club, Fuchsias, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 11th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 12th Lapford Over 60 Club, Mystery Trip, 9.30am
- 12th LYPFT AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.00pm
- 14th Copy deadline for May Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm
- 18th The ARK reopens.
- 20th Ladies of Lapford, talk by a Celebrant
- 22nd Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00am-1.00pm
- 27th Lapford Over 60 Club, tba

May

- 4th Local elections
- 6th Coronation of King Charles III
- 6th Coronation Celebrations
- 8th Big Help Out, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 9th Lapford Gardening Club, Woodland walk, 7.00pm
- 14th Copy deadline for June Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm
- 18th Ladies of Lapford, tbc
- 25th Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 27th Lapford Village Market - cancelled

June onwards

- 13th June - Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit, 7.30p.m.
- 15th June - Ladies of Lapford, details tbc
- 24th June - Lapford Village Market
- 29th June - Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 7th-9th July - Lapford Revel
- 11th July - Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit, 7.30pm
- 22nd July - Lapford Village Market
- 27th July - Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 8th August - Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit, 7.30pm
- 26th August - Lapford Village Market
- 31st August - Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 2nd Sept. - Lapford Gardening Club Annual Show, Victory Hall
- 23rd Sept. - Lapford Village Market
- 28th Sept. - Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 10th October - Lapford Gardening Club, tba
- 26th October - Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 28th October - Lapford Village Market
- 14th Nov. - Lapford Gardening Club, tba
- 25th Nov. - Lapford Village Market
- 30th Nov. - Lapford Over 60 Club, tba
- 12th Dec. - Lapford Gardening Club, Christmas Social, 7.30pm
- Dec. - Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas meal at The Waie Inn, tba

LAPFORD OVER 60 CLUB

MYSTERY TRIP

April 12th

Leaving Lapford Car Park 9.30 am

Arriving Home around 5.30 pm

Contact either Carol: 07376 129192
or John: 01363 83985



EAST WORLINGTON HOUSE - GARDEN OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME - BRILLIANT RESULTS

The Cream Teas made over £1,000 which contributes directly to the maintenance and running of Parish Hall as an important community facility.

The crocus display at East Worlington House raised £1,635, supporting National Garden Scheme charities.

CHULMLEIGH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 8 April between 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. at the Town Hall, Chulmleigh, EX18 7BR. Free Easter chocolate for children and anyone wearing an Easter bonnet on a first come first served basis. Dietary requirements considered. There will be a baked goods sale table, raffle and refreshments. All welcome. We will be raising funds for the 2023 Chulmleigh Christmas Lights event on Saturday 2nd December when we switch on the tree lights and there is a free Santa's grotto.

CELERIAC SALAD

You need:

celeriac, mayonnaise, cider vinegar, chopped chives, salt, pepper and a little mustard.

Peel the celeriac and cut into wedges so it's easier to grate. Grate and sprinkle with a little salt. Mix well and allow to rest for 20 minutes.

Squeeze out the moisture and season the celeriac with freshly ground black pepper, mustard, add a splash of cider vinegar.

Mix in enough mayonnaise to make a creamy salad. Sprinkle with smoked paprika and chopped chives.

Paul Cleave



Invitation

Lapford Lookout Helpers and Delivery Volunteers

“Big Help Out”

Monday 8th May 7.30 The ARK

As part of the Coronation Celebrations the Lapford Project 2000 Committee, which produces the Lapford Lookout, cordially invites all current helpers and delivery volunteers to a

Wine & Cheese Social Evening

R.S.V.P. to susanbriantevans@gmail.com or call Lapford 83763

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



LAPFORD SPRING LITTER PICK DAY 2023



SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

Organised by Lapford Parish Council

Meet at the Orchard Centre at 10.00 a.m. to sign in

Just turn up - the more the merrier!

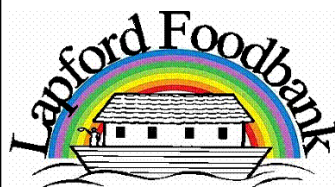
Hi-Viz bibs, litter-pick sticks and rubbish bags provided. Please bring gloves.

Insured via MDDC

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE FOODBANK

We would be grateful for the following donations:

Coffee, Tea, Drinking Chocolate,
Rice Pudding, Custard,
Tinned fruit,
Rice, Pasta, Pasta Sauces,
Tuna, Baked Beans, Tinned Meats,
Tinned Tomatoes, Vegetables, Carrots,
Peas, Sweetcorn, Soups,
Breakfast cereals (not porridge)
Toilet Rolls.





Lapford Weather Review

LAPFORD WEATHER FEBRUARY 2023

Slightly milder than average, very dry. The month alternated between mild spells and cooler ones.

The warmest day was the 15th with a maximum of 12.4 °C and the coolest was the 25th with a maximum of 6.1 °C. The coldest night was on the 10th with a minimum of -2.7 °C. On the 27th the grass temperature fell to -9.0 °C.

Total rainfall was just 13.6 mm, only 18% of the average for February. Only February 1993 has been drier.

The windiest day was shared by the 22nd, 23rd and 26th, all of which had gusts of 37 m.p.h.



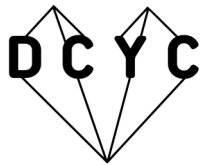
Andy Epstein

CHULMLEIGH & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

On Monday 24 April at 6.00 p.m. we will be visiting Ash Moor Nursery at Rose Ash, South Molton, EX36 4RF. There will be a demonstration on how to plant a hanging basket and a trough followed by an opportunity to wander round the nursery, ask questions and buy plants. Refreshments will be available. The Garden Society's annual membership is £10. Guests are very welcome to attend our meetings at £3 per session.

Contact for more information: Chrissie Hookins, Hon. Secretary, Email: chulmleigh@gmail.com Tel: 01769 580719.

WELCOME TO DEVON CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS!



The bookings for all five camps are open and we encourage you to book early.

We have been running youth camps for over 75 years and have over 600 people on site for our five camps in August each year. Please enjoy looking through our website, www.dcy.org.uk and do register to join us.

As a charity we endeavour to keep our prices as low as we can. Bursaries are available if cost is an issue, so no one should miss out. Please contact info@dcyc.org.uk for more information.

We would love for you to join us for our five different weeks of fun-filled mayhem in a field by the sea in stunning Blackpool sands on the South Devon coast. There are few more beautiful and well-resourced Christian camps than DCYC. A booking will guarantee your place so long as there are spaces still available. Please book early, encourage your friends to join you, and we'll see you at DCYC 2023.

Here are the dates:

- Senior Mixed 22nd July
- Girls' Camp 29th July
- Boys' Camp 5th August
- Junior Mixed 12th August
- Bliss - August Bank Holiday

We look forward to receiving your booking.

LAPFORD VILLAGE MARKET

Please note the May Village Market has been cancelled.

"I ordered a watch online with personalised engraving for my partner's upcoming 40th birthday. The company has since gone out of business. I keep phoning and emailing them but can't get through to anyone. I'm assuming they can't fulfil my order but I'd paid for the watch upfront and can't afford to buy another gift until I get my money back. Please help!"



This is frustrating both in terms of potential loss of money but also in terms of the time spent searching for a suitable gift. If you haven't had a dispatch note yet it suggests that the order is not on its way.

If the company has gone into administration it may still be able to fulfil outstanding orders but if the company is already in liquidation, you'll need to try to get your money back. If you're unsure about what state the company is in the Citizens Advice website has information on how to find out. <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>.

As it was an online purchase it seems unlikely that there is a shop or office that you can contact so the next steps depend on whether it's a limited company (with 'ltd.' or 'plc' after its title) or if it's a sole trader or partnership.

If it's a limited company you will need to get details of the administrator or receiver – the person dealing with settling the trader's debts. The names of those administrators will usually be on the website of the company that's gone bust. You should register your claim as a creditor on the GOV.UK website. Fill out the form with the details of what you are owed and send it to the administrator dealing with the trader's debts.

Unfortunately there is only a small chance that any money will be refunded as there will be a long list of creditors and individual small claims will be at the back of the queue.

More encouraging is to try and get a refund with a Section 75 claim or a chargeback on the credit card provider or bank. Again, check out the Citizens Advice website for details of making these claims. This is actually the best option if the seller was not a limited company but a sole trader or partnership. Every case is different but to establish specific rights in a given situation call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/somethings-gone-wrong-with-a-purchase/if-a-company-stops-trading-or-goes-out-of-business/>

Alternatively, ring our free, local Adviceline number on 0808 27 87 999 or visit our local website on <https://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk> and click on 'get advice'.

Would you like to help people solve problems like this? Why not volunteer with us? You will meet new people, get full ongoing training and support and get the satisfaction of contributing to our local community. Take the first step and contact recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk We look forward to hearing from you!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 4TH MAY 2023

Candidate nominations close on Tuesday 4th April. They must be delivered by hand to Phoenix House, Tiverton, EX16 6PP between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any day, except weekends.



"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES, FEBRUARY 2023

Please note this is a summary of the main points of interest. A copy of the draft minutes will be made available on the Council website, www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk and on the notice boards in the Orchard Centre and in The Ark.

The Parish Council met on 14th February 2023 in the Victory Hall. Thirty-six members of the public attended.

- The main topic of discussion was the Executive Summary of the Youth Club & Lower Town Place report, a full version of which would be published in March 2023. The overall conclusion was that there were few concerns about either the sale of the youth club or the purchase of Lower Town place and that where matters could have been done better is a lesson for the future. The overall feeling was that the Parish Council should concentrate on looking forward and helping to provide facilities for the youth of the village.
- The Parish Council agreed to underwrite the cost of the upcoming Coronation celebrations to a sum of £500, which would be added to the surplus made at the Jubilee celebrations last year. The expectation was the income would more than likely cover costs, so this was just in case it did not.
- The Parish Council had received an Orchard Centre Fire Risk Assessment which identified several matters that needed to be attended to.
- The Archive Cupboard in the Orchard Centre would now be locked with the key in a key-safe inside the building.
- The replacement of Parish Clerk who has resigned with effect from 31st May 2023 was now being undertaken and anyone interested should give him a call or email to find out what was involved.
- Parish Council Elections were due to take place on 4th May 2023 and potential Councillors should look at the Parish Council website to see how they should go about putting themselves forward.

Rob Martin is the Parish Clerk and his contact details are:

Email: clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk

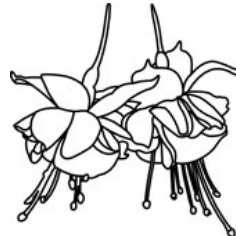
Phone: 07768 829511

LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB



Thanks to Sandra for sharing some of her dahlia tubers with the group at the last meeting. There was a good discussion on experiences of growing dahlias, and much knowledge shared.

The focus of our next meeting in April will be fuchsias and we will be welcoming a local speaker. Seed potatoes are now being distributed in preparation for the Club potato exhibit at our show on 2nd September.



Tuesday 11th April
7.30 p.m. at The ARK
Fuchsias
with Mike Follett

The Club welcomes anyone interested in gardening to their meetings.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO VOTE

Parish and District Council elections will occur across Mid Devon on 4th May and, for the first time, all voters will need to bring a valid photo ID. If you don't have a valid form of photo ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC).

The forms of ID you can use to vote are:

- UK passport
- A passport issued by an EEA (European Economic Area) state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving license (including provisional licence)
- Older person's bus pass
- Disabled person's bus pass
- A blue badge
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)

You can apply for a VAC online or contact the Elections team for a paper copy.

<http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority...>
elections@midddevon.gov.uk 01884 255255





**CELEBRATING THE CORONATION
IN LAPFORD
MAY 6TH TO 8TH 2023**

Please see below for what will be happening:

The ARK: Through April and May a Coronation display based on Artwork put together by Lapford Youth Club.

SATURDAY MAY 6TH (CORONATION DAY)

ON LOWER TOWN PLACE (Victory Hall if wet):

4-00 P.M. COMMUNITY PICNIC (bring your own seats, rugs etc. and food if you would like to). **Cream Teas** on sale provided by The ARK team.

5-00 P.M. BBQ & CHIPS on sale.

EMAZDAD will perform free magic shows at 5-00 p.m. and 6-00 p.m. and make balloon models with children during the afternoon.

PAUL ADAMS will entertain at 4-30 and 5-30 p.m.

LAPFORD CORONATION MUGS for sale.

DRAW.

A FREE QUIZ to fill in through the afternoon.

BEST DECORATED FRONT DOOR and **CROWN COMPETITIONS** prize giving.

SUNDAY MAY 7TH

PARISH CHURCH

11-00 A.M. UNITED SERVICE

THE OLD MALT SCOOP

HOG ROAST in the afternoon.

MONDAY MAY 8TH

ORCHARD CENTRE, CAR PARK & LOWER TOWN PLACE

10-00 A.M. THE BIG HELP OUT

Meet for a volunteering morning to tidy up the centre of the village

VICTORY HALL

12-00 noon. Thank you snack lunch and hot drink for volunteers.

THE ARK

EVENING THANK YOU RECEPTION for the Lapford Lookout distribution volunteers

Lapford Celebrations Committee (Parish Council)



**LAPFORD REVEL 23
THE ROARING TWENTIES,
JULY 7TH TO 9TH 2023**

The Programme in place so far:

FRIDAY JULY 7TH

5-30 P.M. REVEL PROCESSION to leave Eastington Lane by the school and proceed via Blind Lane to the Church Green.

ON THE CHURCH GREEN

6-00 P.M. REVEL CROWNING followed by maypole dancing and sweet scramble.

7-30 P.M. THE WINKLEIGH MORRIS DANCERS will perform by the Old Malt Scoop.

REVEL BAR, BBQ & CHIPS IN ATTENDANCE.

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

ON THE PLAYING FIELD

10-00 A.M. FAMILY GAMES provided by the Community Church team.

ON LOWER TOWN PLACE

2-00 P.M. OPENING OF THE REVEL FAYRE by the Head Teacher of Lapford School plus the Revel Kings and Queens.

2-30 P.M. ANNA BANANA will entertain.

3-15 P.M. LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE.

4-35 P.M. ANNA BANANA will entertain.

4-35 P.M. LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE.

5-00 P.M. REVEL GRAND DRAW AND PRIZEGIVING.

EVENING MUSICAL EVENT to be announced.

The Revel Bar, BBQ & Chips will be up and running.

Bouncy Castle, Fancy Dress Competition, Cocktail/Mocktail bar, stalls and much more.

(To book a stall get in touch. See contact details at the back of the Lapford Lookout).

SUNDAY JULY 9TH

IN THE PARISH CHURCH

UNITED REVEL SERVICE - time to be confirmed.



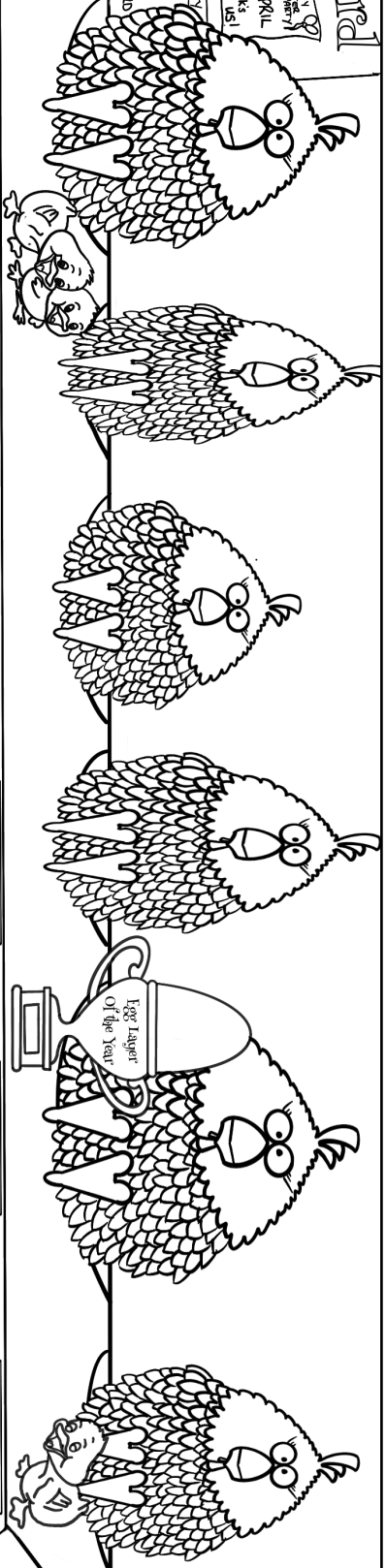
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CHICKEN MAD EGG

GISELLE	417,411
ESTHER	2,651,224
FERD	1,449,281
MILlicent	8,335,002
HENRIETTA	10,449,612
LILBERT	5

Common 10th APRIL
The Yaks on US!

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE
Watch out for falling eggs
Beware of the Yaks
No smoking in school



Giselle

Esther

Ferd

Millicent

Henrietta

Lilbert

EXCELLENT EGG DESIGNS
ESTER DESIGNS
WHAT EGG?
EGG PAINTING FOR DUMMIES
EGGS THROUGH THE

FOR GREAT ARTISTS
FLAIR AND ALWAYS
BEING HAPPY
Bunny of the Month

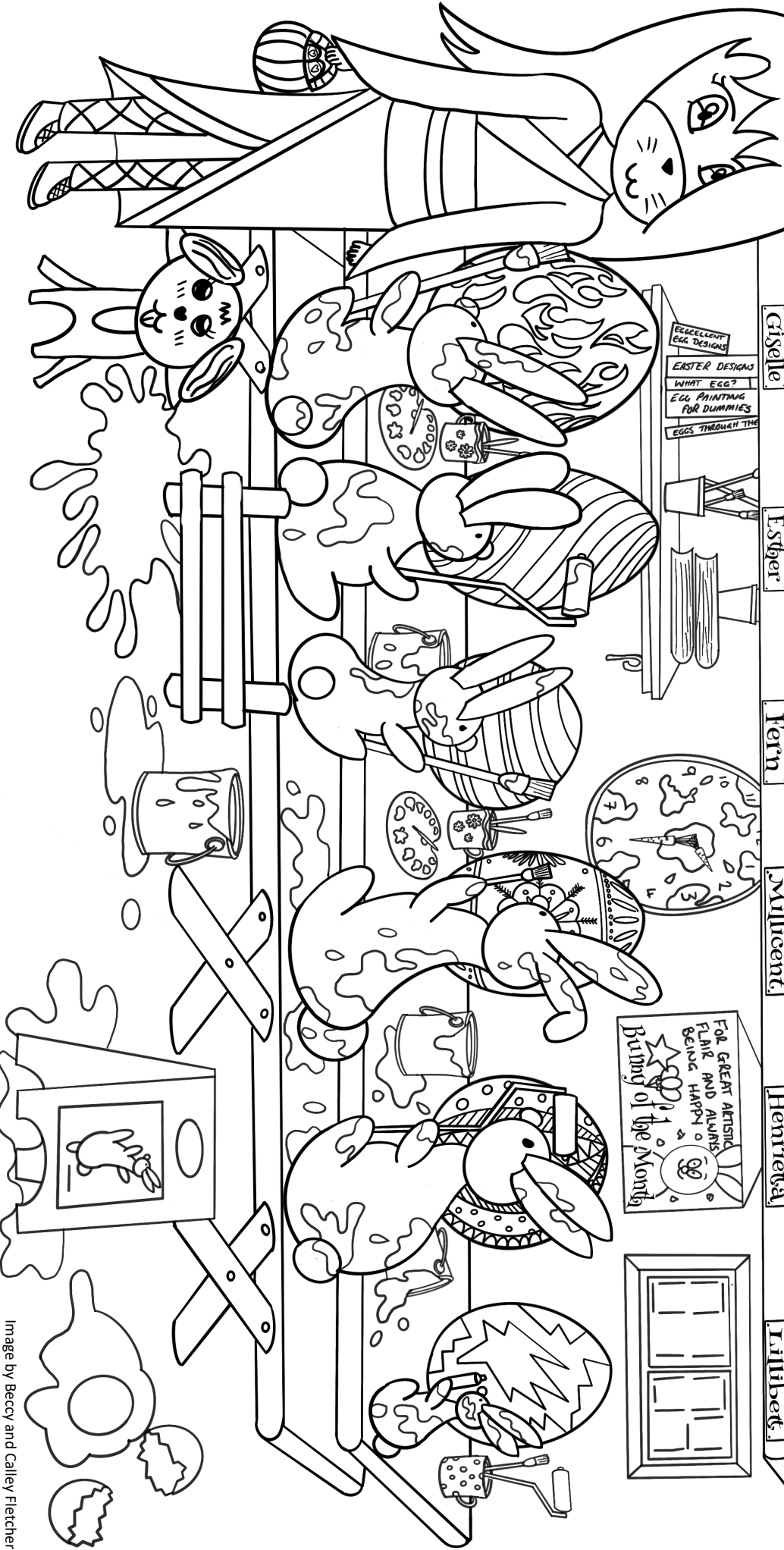


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LAPFORD YOUTH AND PLAYING FIELD TRUST



AGM

12th April, 7.00 p.m.
in the
ORCHARD CENTRE

All welcome!

THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK

Virginia Randolph was a pioneer in black education. She began teaching in a southern rural school in 1892. As she tried to instil high ethical standards along with the "three R's," many parents resented it. In fact, one mother bragged about whipping every teacher at the school. She vowed Miss Randolph would be next.



One day Virginia saw a woman standing on the porch with a long stick. She had just finished reading 1 Corinthians 13 to her class. "Children," she began, keeping her voice steady, "this morning I am going to pray. "Lord, have mercy on the dear mother who came to school today." "So glad to see you, dear mother." Then Virginia led the boys and girls singing the hymn "I need thee every hour." She continued, "Now, students, this has been the first mother to visit school. She has two lovely children, and you know the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Don't you feel proud. I will ask her to speak to us." The mother was so touched, her eyes filled with tears. "I came for one thing and found another," she said, "I will never disturb the classroom again." She kept her promise and became a willing school worker.

Isn't it amazing how love disarms hostility? It was true in 1892 and it is just as true now. 1 Corinthians 13, in the Bible, describes love... "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not rude, it is not self seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

The final verse to chapter 13 states, "And now these three remain faith, hope and love but the greatest of these three is love." If you have a Bible, read the complete chapter of 1 Corinthians 13, in the New Testament.

It also begs the question, who do you love that much that you would willingly give your life and die in their place. Jesus did that for each one of us and that is what Easter is really about. Not about chocolate, rabbits, eggs and chicks. One man's life for mankind, now that's love indeed.

The ARK will close from the end of Friday 31 March and will open again on Tuesday 18 April. We will be doing some volunteer training and cleaning during those two weeks. The food bank will still be operating, delivering parcels and food to those who need help. Thank you to all who have kept us going with food donations, it's not been very easy, as food prices have continued to rise and we have been buying in items so that we can continue supplying people.

The team at The ARK wish you and your family God's peace and joy at this special time of Easter.



LADIES LEARN ABOUT WIND POWER

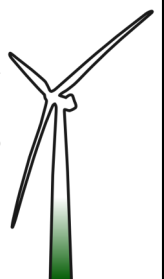
We gathered in The ARK on our usual third Thursday in February for a talk by two speakers about wind farms and specifically the wind farm just outside Bow. Anyone travelling regularly between Lapford and Okehampton will be used to the sight of the great arms sweeping through the air.

Despite how familiar they are now, the site has not been there for very many years. It might have been there a lot longer were it not for the opposition from local people. The Den Brook Valley Action Group was formed when proposals were first put forward in 2004 and when the planning application was submitted, 2,915 objection letters were received including letters from Dartmoor National Park and Dartmoor Preservation Association. There were 71 letters in support. This Council did decide to refuse the first planning application. What followed was a long battle over several years between the two sides as appeals were made and upheld and then overturned once more until finally in 2011, the last attempt to prevent it going ahead was rejected. Even then, work did not begin on the site until 2015 and it was fully operational in 2016.

The information above was not actually part of the talk but I remembered there had been controversy and thought it would be interesting to balance the favourable view that the speakers gave with an awareness of the initial opposition. The talk concentrated on factual information about wind farms and this site in particular and about how much electricity it could generate. There are nine turbines, each 120 metres high to the blade tip. That bit I did retain but as more figures and statistics were mentioned and more maths seemed to be needed. I struggled a bit to keep up. In support of the site, the speakers were keen to explain that in their view it had brought some protection for certain species of wildlife and flora and fauna because of the conditions that had to be met in order for the planning to be approved and because of the careful monitoring that was done. He also pointed out the financial benefits that the area had received. He spoke about the Community Benefit Fund which makes money available for local projects, the local electricity discounts available to properties within 2.3 km of the turbines and the improvements made to the link road at Whiddon Down.

At the end of the talk, there were questions raised about noise disturbance, habitat damage and animal welfare and the visual impact in an area so close to Dartmoor which the speakers did their best to answer. Wind farms always seem to bring about division between those who worry about the impact and those who prefer this way of producing energy to other ways which they see as more harmful. We managed to listen and express views and then the kettle went on to provide refreshment before any falling out could occur!

Sue Raffill





LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)

Please come and join us in The ARK at 7.30 p.m.

April 20th - A talk by a Celebrant about her work.

May 18th - Details to follow.

June 15th - Details to follow.



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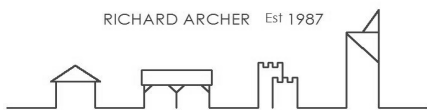
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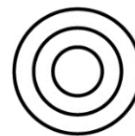
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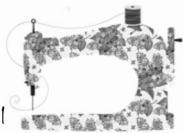
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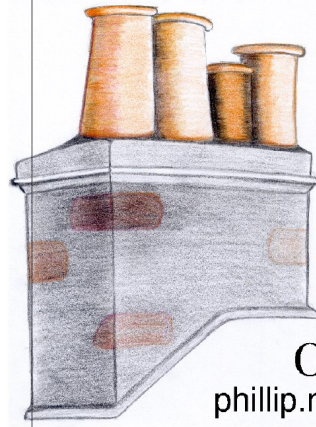
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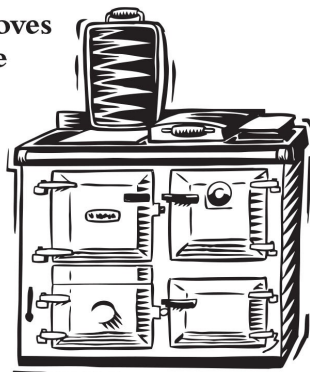
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The whole day was dedicated to reading activities and the children were lucky enough to be visited by local puppeteer, Mark Tanner, who carried out a puppetry workshop with each class. The children loved designing and making their own crazy characters and at the end of the afternoon, worked in house teams to create a story using their new puppets. Throughout the day there were numerous opportunities for children to enjoy stories read to them by different members of staff and it was lovely to hear the children talking so passionately about books. The older children also enjoyed creating scenes from their favourite books using junk modelling resources.



Last week we were joined by The Bookery from Crediton who delivered a reading workshop to each class. Again, the focus was on reading for pleasure and they shared excerpts from their 2023 Top Titles before offering the chance to purchase these at a reduced rate. The children listened enthusiastically and we have been able to purchase a set of the Top Titles for our school library which the children are very excited about borrowing.

Finally, this year we have been working with a local English Hub to improve our teaching of phonics. The Hub have delivered training to staff and recently conducted an audit of our phonics provision which identified some gaps in resources. We are extremely grateful to FLS and also to the Ilsham English Hub who have supported us with funding to purchase six new sets of early reading books for our youngest children. We are currently awaiting delivery of 576 brand new books and we are super excited!



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EYES DOWN 7:30PM
RAFFLE AND PRIZES TO BE
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THE BOARD CLUB

@ LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
EVERY 1ST AND 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
7PM-9.30PM
GAMES AND REFRESHMENT PROVIDED

COME ALONG FOR AN EVENING OF
FRIENDLY GAMING AND ENJOY
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Lapford Village market

**SATURDAY 22ND APRIL
10AM-1PM**

Local produce Stalls
Handmade crafts
Foodbank drop off point
Bric-a-brac, Car-boot tables and
much, much more
Tea, coffee & snacks

To book a stall/table please call Stacey on:
07891 556884 or email
lapfordvillagemarket@gmail.com
£5 per stall payable on the day.

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LAPFORD YOUTH CLUB

**Adult Helpers
Needed
For Lapford's
thriving youth
club**

Thursday, Friday evenings
or
for weekend trips
With more helpers we can
do so much more!



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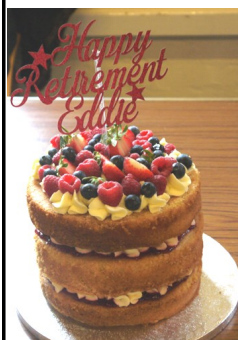


A sad goodbye was said to Eddie on Saturday 4th February at the Lapford Market, when he received a rather large cheque, both in size and amount, which was generated from a collection organised by Lapford Parish Council.

Residents of Lapford were invited to contribute towards the total sum to thank Eddie for his 21 years of unswerving service to the village,



during which time he went above and beyond his duty in looking out for the people in his charge, both young and old. To cap this, Eddie was presented with a tower of a cake, which will take him a while to get through!



Thank you Eddie, we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Jeanne Whittaker



THE BIG (LAPFORD) HELP OUT
Monday 8th May at 10-00 a.m.



**Meet at the Orchard Centre for: Litter-picking, Car Park Weeding,
Gardening/Tidying at Lower Town Place.**

(All children to be accompanied and supervised by an accompanying adult)

Free Thank You Lunch to be served in the Victory Hall from 12-00 noon.

It would really help to know the numbers for lunch in advance so:

To book lunch please contact Julie Down (Parish Council) or Mark Tanner/Sue Briant-Evans (Celebrations Committee). Contact details at the back of this Lapford Lookout. Or fill in the slip below and return to The ARK.

THE BIG HELP OUT

I would like to book lunch on Monday 8th May for:

Myself..... **Accompanied children**

Name..... **Contact details**

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CHULMLEIGH & DISTRICT SOCIETY SCREENING OF
ERIC RAVILIOUS - DRAWN TO WAR
 CHULMLEIGH PAVILION, LEIGH ROAD, EX18 7JL
 FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 7.30PM



The first major feature documentary about Eric Ravilious (1903-1942), the much loved but hugely underestimated British Official War Artist, killed in a plane crash over Iceland in 1942. With contributions from artists Ai Weiwei and Grayson Perry, writers Alan Bennett and Robert Macfarlane, the film recounts a life as compelling and enigmatic as his art, set against the dramatic wartime locations that inspired him.

Members £6.50 Non members £7.50 payable on the door
 Wine, beer and fruit juice for sale
 Follow us on Facebook @TheChulmleighSociety



Come and join us in The ARK Winter Warming Wednesdays

Come and join us upstairs in
 The ARK
 where there will be tea, coffee,
 cake and company

Read a book, read your newspapers,
 have a chat or play board games

There will be a warm
 welcome awaiting you

Upstairs at The ARK will
 be open from 10.30



LAPFORD YOUTH CLUB PRESENTS

HIGH FIVE JUNIORS

For 4-7 year olds and
 their carers



Arts and Crafts, toys, games, tuck shop, refreshments

£1 per child. Additional 50p for tuck shop

LAPFORD VICTORY HALL

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10AM-12PM

For more info contact Cat Seymour on 07970180637

LAPFORD YOUTH CLUB

High 5 THURSDAY

EVERY WEEK DURING TERMTIME

6PM - 7.30PM

For 7-11 year olds (KS2 primary)

Fun, Games, Craft, Friends

Only £1 subs

(Up to £1 additional money for tuckshop)



For more information email lapforyouthclub@gmail.com or find us on
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Tuesdays and Fridays
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Arrangements can be
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times

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- TO SWAP
- OR TO KEEP



Closed from 31st March
Reopening on Tuesday 18th April

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE COPY DEADLINE FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LAPFORD LOOKOUT
IS THE 14TH OF EACH MONTH**



Donations can be made at
Boniface Centre, CREDITON,
on 23rd May or 6th June
from 1.10am-7.15pm



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Lapford

Yeo Vale Cross: 11.50-12.10
Orchard Way: 13.45-14.55
School: 15.00-16.00

Nymet Rowland

Opposite Village Hall: 12.30-12.50
Every 4 weeks on Tuesdays
April 25th, May 23rd, June 20th, July 18th,
August 18th, September 12th, October 10th,
November 7th and December 5th



**LAPFORD LOOKOUT
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Lapford Youth Club

**THE
DROP IN**
LAPFORD VICTORY HALL

**EVERY 2ND AND 4TH
FRIDAY IN THE MONTH**

7-9PM

**FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS.
ONLY £1 PLUS MONEY FOR TUCK SHOP
(Please note- only runs during termtime)**

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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
- RABI 24/7 Support Line ~ 0800 188 4444
- 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 WEBSITES

- www.lapfordhistory.co.uk
- www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk
- www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk
- www.lapfordvictoryhall.co.uk
- www.lapfordvillage.co.uk



LVCA
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 are as follows:

- Bow Medical Centre - £6
- Chulmleigh Dental Practice - £6
- Chulmleigh Health Centre - £6
- Crediton (Breast Screening) - £7
- Crediton Community Hospital - £6
- Morchart Bishop Surgery - £5
- Redlands Health Centre - £7
- Witheridge Surgery - £6

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

LAPFORD LOOKOUT



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- One quarter page: £14 per month.
- One half page: £28 per month.
- Whole page: £56 per month.

Pay for twelve months and you get **one extra month, FREE!** Please send all advertising requests to the Editor in time to make the deadline of the 14th of each month for inclusion in the next issue. Please allow sufficient time to make your advance payment which may be by BACS or cheque. Payment details will be on your invoice.

LAST POSTING TIMES AROUND THE VILLAGE



	<u>Mon-Fri</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Eastington Cross	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Woodland Cottage	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Industrial Estate	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Highfield	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Orchard Way	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Saxtons	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Morchart Road	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Copplestone	4.30 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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2PM-4PM
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Lapford Coronation Celebrations

Best Decorated Front Door
Competition
To be judged 10am Saturday
6th May.

Best Decorated Front Door Competition



Lapford Celebrations Committee
(Parish Council)

Lapford Coronation Celebrations

Best Crown Competition



Entries to the Victory Hall by 4pm
on Saturday 6th May.

Categories -

- ✦ Under 10
- ✦ 11-16
- ✦ Adults

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Lapford Parish Church

SPRING FAYRE

IN THE CHURCH
SATURDAY
1ST APRIL
10.30 - 12 NOON

EASTER RAFFLE
BAKES & CAKES
JAMS & PRESERVES
COFFEE AND
SIMNEL CAKE



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