

# LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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# CELEBRATING THE CORONATION IN LAPFORD



# **SATURDAY 6TH MAY**







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 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. LAPFORD CORONATION MUGS for sale

A FREE QUIZ to fill in during the afternoon
BEST DECORATED FRONT DOOR and CROWN COMPETITIONS prize giving

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PARISH CHURCH 11-00 a.m. VILLAGE CELEBRATION SERVICE THE OLD MALT SCOOP INN HOG ROAST in the afternoon



# **MONDAY 8TH MAY**

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
7.30 p.m. THANK YOU SOCIAL EVENING for Lapford Lookout volunteers

Lapford Celebrations Committee (Parish Council)

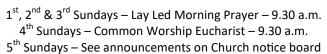


# CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU TO:





Vicar: The Reverend Robert Gordon - (e) <u>vicar.ncw@gmail.com</u>
Churchwarden: Joan Graham - (e) <u>jemg47@aol.com</u> (t) 01363 83047







# VILLAGE CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR THE CORONATION SUNDAY 7TH MAY AT 11.00 A.M.





May 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
May 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. - Lay Led Morning Prayer

May 18<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION DAY 7.00 p.m. - Mission Community Eucharist at Bow
May 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30 a.m. - Lay Led Morning Prayer

May 28<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST 10.00 a.m. - Mission Community Eucharist at Lapford

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



### Services:

7<sup>th</sup> May – Joint Coronation Service at the Parish Church 14<sup>th</sup> May – All Age Family Service led by Merril Archer 21<sup>st</sup> May – Service led by Merril Archer 28<sup>th</sup> May – All Age Family Service led by Cat Seymour 4<sup>th</sup> June – Service led by Sir Roy Sambles

### 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.





### LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome



# lapfordlookout@gmail.com

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



# LAPFORD OUTREACH **POST OFFICE**

**OPENING HOURS:** 



Monday 9.00 - 12.00Wednesday 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 PROJECT 2000 QUIZZICAL THANKS**



Thank you to those that came along to support our Quizzical Afternoon Tea on 1st April. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We received feedback that the hall looked lovely, the cakes were delicious, the atmosphere was good and you certainly all seemed to enjoy the 'quizzical' elements. £148.35 was raised.



# **Lapford Weather Review**



# **LAPFORD WEATHER MARCH 2023**

Slightly milder than average, very wet.

The warmest day was the  $17^{th}$  with a maximum of  $14.3^{\circ}$ C and the coolest was the  $5^{th}$  which only managed  $4.1^{\circ}$ C. The coldest night was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> when the temperature fell to -3.0°C and the temperature at grass level fell to a chilly -8.3°C.

Total rainfall was 158.3 mm, more than double the average rainfall for March, and the second wettest March in 35 years (2018 was wetter). The wettest day was the 8th with a fall of 41.5mm, my wettest March day on record.

The windiest day was the 30<sup>th</sup> with a gust of 44 m.p.h. March is supposed to 'come in like a lion and out like a lamb' but this year it was the other way round. You can't trust these old country sayings!



### **Andy Epstein**

# DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

# May

4th Local elections, Polling station open 7.00am to 10.00pm 6th-8th Coronation of King Charles III Celebrations see front

Lapford Gardening Club, Woodland Walk, 7.00pm

14th Copy deadline for June Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

16th Lapford Annual Parish Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.30pm

18th Ladies of Lapford, How to fill a hanging basket, The ARK 7.30pm

20th Chulmleigh and District Garden Society, Coffee morning and plant stall, Chulmleigh Town Hall, 9.00am - 11.00am

25th Lapford Over 60 Club, tba

27th Lapford Village Market - cancelled

27th Lapford Car Boot Sale, Lapford Playing Field. 11.00am

# June

13th Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit, 7.30pm

14th Copy Deadline for July Lapford Lookout 6.00pm

15th Ladies of Lapford, A talk about the Lydcott Collection, The ARK, 7.30pm

18th Open Air Theatre Much Ado About Nothing, Lower Town Place, 2.30pm

18th Friends of St Thomas AGM, tba

24th Lapford Village Market

29th Lapford Over 60 Club, tba

# July onwards

7th-9th July -Lapford Revel

11th July -Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit, 7.30pm 20th July -Ladies of Lapford, Town Trail details to follow.

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

Lapford Gardening Club Annual Show, 2nd Sept. -

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,

Dec. -Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas meal at The

Waie Inn, tba

**EXETER CATHEDRAL CHOIR** IN ST PETER'S CHURCH **ZEAL MONACHORUM** SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY



4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Tichets £10 available online at

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral/t-krynrpo

# LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

Fuchsias were the subject of last month's meeting and the Club welcomed Mike Follett who gave a fascinating illustrated talk. Originating in the southern hemisphere, many varieties are hardy in our climate, indeed some make wonderful hedges in the south west.



There are literally thousands of different cultivated varieties of the less hardy varieties that are popular for summer display and Mike gave a glimpse of some of these during his talk.

For the next five months meetings will be held in member's gardens.

Our host for next month is David Bragg who has invited members, and potential members, to

# Enjoy a walk in his Bluebell Wood Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m.

Access via Holmefield, Kelland Hill. Please walk up from village or park in area around industrial units and walk.

### LAPFORD VILLAGE MARKET

Please note the May Village Market has been cancelled.

### RHUBARB COMPOTE

1 lb (500g) rhubarb cut into small chunks

½ teaspoon vanilla extract 3 tablespoons Demerara sugar



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1 orange

Put the rhubarb, vanilla and sugar in a saucepan and add the finely grated zest and juice of the orange.

Cook over a gentle heat until the rhubarb chunks are tender. This is good with yogurt or ice-cream.

For a guickly prepared rhubarb fool, puree the compote and add it to Greek style vogurt or \( \frac{150ml}{2} \) lightly whipped double cream.

**Paul Cleave** 



# LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL) Please come and join us in The Ark at 7.30 p.m.

# Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Trish will be demonstrating how to plant a hanging basket and we can share our ideas on how to make them last the summer long.

# Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Joanna will be bringing the Lydcott Collection, a selection of vintage textiles, embroidery, books and accessories for us to view. All welcome - there will be coffee and cake!





WILL BE HELD @ LAPFORD PLAYING FIELD on SATURDAY 27th MAY SELLERS 10am-BUYERS 11am £5 PER CAR

£7 PER VAN OR CAR & TRAILER

For more information please contact Grace on 07807019890

IN AID OF LAPFORD YOUTH PLAYING FIELD TRUST 

# 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.







# Invitation



**Lapford Lookout Helpers** and **Delivery Volunteers** 

# "Big Help Out"

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m. 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 <a href="mailto:susanbriantevans@gmail.com">susanbriantevans@gmail.com</a> 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 PARISH COUNCIL NOTES APRIL 2023**

At the time of going to print, we had not received any notes from the April meeting of the Parish Council. We hope to be able to bring you up to date with the April meeting in the June issue of the Lapford Lookout.

### PARISHIONERS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE

Elections for both Lapford Parish Council and the Taw Vale Ward of Mid Devon District Council take place on Thursday 4th May. Our polling station will be at the Victory Hall, Lapford, and the voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Readers are politely requested to celebrate our hard won democratic right to vote by voting! These elections only take place every four years so it really is your chance to have a say on who runs your Councils.

There are twelve candidates for Lapford Parish Council and we each have up to ten votes. It is important to remember that you don't have to vote for ten candidates, but that you can vote for *up to ten* so this is your opportunity to choose those candidates who you think will do their best for Lapford going forward.

There are two candidates for Mid Devon District Council and we each have one vote. There is no election for Nymet Rowland Parish Council.

Please also note that everyone will need to take Photo ID to the Polling Station to be able to vote.

# **CHULMLEIGH FLORAL ART SOCIETY**

We would like to thank everyone who donated, helped and supported our coffee morning on 18th March 2023 when a total of £482.20 was raised. We are very grateful to everyone who came.



**Heather Russell** 

# LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES, **MARCH 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Victory Hall. Twenty-one members of the public attended.

- County Councillor Margaret Squires indicated that the Mobile Library service was under threat of being shut down and that there was a consultation being undertaken on the County website on this matter. The consultation would be running until 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- The main topic of discussion was the Youth Club & Lower Town Place full report, which had been circulated and published before the meeting. report can be seen either on the Parish Council website, www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk contacting the clerk by email or phone, the details of
- After an open and lively discussion, including the members of the public present, it was concluded that the report would be adopted. There was no need to obtain further legal advice on it or its conclusions, and in principle to move forward as a community on the basis of the report's conclusions.
- The Lapford Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Victory Hall. The hope is that this meeting would enable members of the public to come forward with their ideas of how the objectives of the community could be met and to guide the new councillors in their work for the coming vear.
- The Orchard Centre Fire Risk Assessment had identified a number of matters that need to be addressed on safety grounds. The clerk would look to make the most urgent matters happen as soon as he could.
- All were reminded that the Parish Council Elections were due to happen on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, if more than 10 people were nominated. The deadline for nominations was 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 so time was short for this to take place.
- Sue Briant-Evans reported that the organising of the Coronation celebrations for the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 was going well. All are welcome.
- The next meeting would be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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

Email: clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk Phone: 07768 829511

which are below.

LIST OF NOMINEES FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS **LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL** 

NOMINEE	PROPOSER
Roy Andrews	Brian J Madge

Roy Patricia A Gowie Sue Briant-Evans Damien T Fletcher Joan Graham John Bimbo Burrows Stacey A Lumsdon Briony A Clinch Julie May Down Peter J Heal Caroline M Tithecott Steven Fletcher Gemma C Cran George D

Bill Graham Briony A Clinch

Susan Briant-**Fvans** 

Malcolm John Hayes Grace Hill

> Julie M Down Briony A Clinch

Willatt Rita M Heal William J F Graham

Jonathan

French

**SECONDER** 

Alex Shapland Abigail Whittaker

Peter John Heal

Stacey Ann Lumsdon

Peter J Heal Peter J Heal Rita M Heal William J F Graham

Ian James Wilkie Donna Parrott Briony A Clinch

TAW VALE, MID DEVON DISTRICT COUCIL

NOMINEE **PROPOSER SECONDER Conservative Party Candidate** Clive Jeffrey Eginton Peter J Heal Rita M Heal **Liberal Democrats Candidate** Steve Keable David C Bragg Susan Briant-**Evans** 

# **NOEL PARRY – LAPFORD HISTORIAN**

Noel Parry had a hand in so many different aspects of village life. I just wanted to pay tribute to one: enthusing an interest in our village history. He left a tremendous legacy in his historical research and writings.

In an article on Lapford, he once made reference to the love song *On The Street Where You Live* from *My Fair Lady*: "People stop and stare. They don't bother me, for there's nowhere else on earth that I would rather be". He was a Welshman, pleased that Lapford had become his home and it remained so for more than half his life. He loved a song and loved Lapford. He even wrote that the history of Lapford was, for him, a sort of love song. He imparted this passion for the village to so many people.

As head teacher at Lapford School, he enthused a whole generation in village history in many inventive ways. He took classes to see Professor Malcolm Todd's excavations of the 2000 year old hill fort at Rudge Farm and to the even more important excavation at Bury Barton, Lapford which revealed, in the professor's words, "the best preserved Roman hill-fort in the South-West". How fantastic that Lapford School children witnessed the discovery of what is now believed to be the lost fort of Nymetstatio and if archaeological digs weren't every child's idea of a good afternoon out, you can be sure Noel made it exciting!

Noel wrote numerous articles on Lapford history for the *Lapford Lookout*, but his best remembered writings are probably his books. In 1995 he published *Lapford: The 2000 Year Story of a Mid-Devon Village* which chronicled the village story through time in a way that everybody could understand and enjoy. He was a teacher and he delivered the ultimate history lesson – educational but wondrous. In 1998 he celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Congregational Chapel with *The Light On The Hill*, covering over

200 years of the village's non-conformist heritage. In 1999 came A Mid-Devon Village, a pictorial record of Lapford from 1880. And in 2006 he published A Potted History of Lapford — succinct, to the point and utterly fascinating. He encouraged others to write too. Eric Challice's Memories of Old Lapford was encouraged and published by Noel. The ten chapters are a detailed real life picture of Lapford in the early years of the 1900s.

Noel was key to the establishment of Lapford Village Archive, and it was Noel who interviewed numerous villagers for the village's Millennium Project. The tapes he made captured Noel's own comforting charm, good humour and inquisitive mind — now transferred to a digital format for posterity.

Noel approached me in 2016 regarding setting up a village history website. It was his idea and enthusiasm that got it up and



Noel Parry opening the new play equipment at the Playing Field in 2015

running. He wrote or checked many of the articles. Shortly before leaving Lapford he passed across a box of hand written articles with instructions to put them, and his books and recordings onto the website "when I'm gone". Of course, he wanted his work preserved to be enjoyed by future generations, but it was Noel's way that he didn't want recognition. In a similar way he quietly and generously donated money to village good causes.

He was a kind-hearted man who loved to sing but wanted his own good deeds to go unsung.

## **David Garton**

# LAPFORD REVEL 7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 CHOOSING THE ROYAL PARTY

At the last Revel, two years ago, there were two kings and two queens to appoint reflecting the fact that there had been no Revel the previous year. There is a similar situation this time round. So, the Revel Committee has been scratching its head to think of the fairest way of choosing this year's Royal party, given that not all of the children living in the village go to school here.



The proposed solution is that this year and last year's Year 6 children write a letter of application to the Revel Committee by May 21<sup>st</sup> setting out why they would like to be a Revel King or Queen this year. Letters can be sent via email to the Revel contacts listed at the back of this Lapford Lookout or posted through The ARK letter box. They will then be assessed independently of the Committee, parent or any other interested party to choose the successful candidates. (Please state which Year 6 the child belongs to). Please note that Revel Kings and Queens are asked to undertake official duties other than the Revel Procession, Crowning and Fayre Opening later in the year. Typically, these have included laying a posy at the Remembrance service in November and switching on the village Christmas tree lights.

The Revel attendants, two from each school year below year 6, will be chosen by taking names out of a hat, again an independent procedure. Please submit the names of children wishing to take part in this by May 21<sup>st</sup> stating the school year the child belongs to, through the School, via email as above or by hand via The ARK letter box.

### **Lapford Revel Committee**

# **LAPFORD OVER 60'S MEETING, MARCH 2023**



At the March meeting of the Over 60's Club, the members were given a fascinating introduction to the art of Bonsai by expert Paul Tebble (amazing what talents there are amongst Lapford

residents!) Paul explained that the art of Bonsai (growing and training miniature trees in containers) was first developed in China thousands of years ago and later adopted in other far

Eastern countries. He then proceeded to demonstrate how to prepare a small tree or shrub by removing at least half the root system before firmly planting in a relatively shallow bowl. Frequent pruning leads to



the tree retaining its small stature and it can then be gradually manipulated by further pruning to whatever shape is desired. Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder. We were all inspired to have a go ourselves, and hopefully by the time the Club visits Paul's garden later this year, one or two of us may have our own attempts at Bonsai ready to impress him!

### **Andy Epstein**

# LAPFORD & DISTRICT OVER 60 CLUB

The first long trip of the year took place on 12th April, leaving Lapford at 9.30 a.m. and hoping for better weather to come.



Despite the inclement weather and a few dodgy jokes from the very friendly driver, James, (he would have made a good "trolley dolly" with his descriptions of the emergency exits and where they are.) I think everyone enjoyed the day, most heading for the shops or Wetherspoons at Bridport and Weymouth.

Thank you to Carol and Linda, and Blakes, for organising the trip. Here's to the next one!

### Jeanne Whittaker













# **CORONATION REMINDERS**

We welcome everyone to Lapford's Coronation Celebrations and look forward to seeing you all at some point during the celebrations.

### **Best Decorated Front Door Competition**

Please decorate your front door for Coronation Day, 6th May.

### **Coronation Mugs**

Please remember Coronation Mugs will be for sale on Coronation Day, 6th May.

# **Best Crown Competition**

Don't forget to bring your Crowns to the Victory Hall for judging by 4.00 p.m. on Coronation Day, 6th May.

A reminder that the categories are:

- \* Under 10
- \* 11-16
- \* Adults

#### **Church Bells**

Listen out for a special set of Coronation Call Changes on the Church bells on the 6th May.

**Lapford Celebrations Committee** 



### **QUIZZICAL AFTERNOON TEA**



I think we all thought that we were competing for "Brain of Britain" during this fun filled afternoon, included which everyone remembering facts from way back when, recognising celebrities when they were children and even a musical quiz. Cream teas and cake were in abundance and begging to be eaten! It would be rude not to wouldn't it? The afternoon was rounded off with a draw with wonderful prizes including Easter goodies

and chicken dinners. Something for everyone. Well done to all who organised the event and the helpers.

Jeanne Whittaker



# HAVE YOU BEEN TO SEE THE LATEST EXHIBITION IN THE ARK?

Children who attend Lapford Youth Club have been working hard on artwork to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Their work will be on display in The ARK until the end of May so please pop in to have a look.

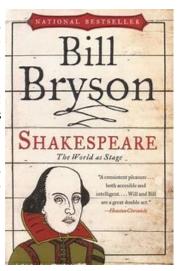


### LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW: SHAKESPEARE BY BILL BRYSON

How do you write a book about William Shakespeare when the main character lived 500 years ago and left very little in the way of hard facts? Add to this that even Shakespeare scholars agree that every biography written is 5% fact and 95% conjecture. Even his name is rarely spelt the same way twice!

Bill Bryson get around the problem by writing a book that is full of well known names from that time and is littered with interesting facts – did you know that Shakespeare's work contains 138,198 commas, 267,744 colons and 15,785 question marks? Neither did I until now.

Shakespeare was born in 1564, only three facts that can be proved are the dates of his baptism, wedding and the birth of his three children, a daughter and twin boy and girl. In fact rather more is known of his father, John, as his name appeared frequently in the Public Record Office for usury. William was one of eight children, the only one who married. He attended the local grammar school where he learnt to read and write and a great deal of the education was carried out in Latin. After he left school when he was about 15, William Shakespeare again disappears from our view until three years later, when he applied for a licence to marry Anne Hathaway.



It is not known when Shakespeare left his family, perhaps to go to London at some time in the years between 1585 and 1592, There is no trace of him as he established himself as an actor and playwright. Bill Bryson tells us a great deal about London as it was then, I found this all fascinating but some of our reading group were disappointed that t.ere were so few personal facts. We do know that he wrote for the Lord Chamberlain's Men, amongst the members of this group was John Heminges who, 30 years later, co-wrote the First Folio of Shakespeare plays. I was surprised to learn that there were several plays that I had never heard of, let alone read or seen. According to the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, William Shakespeare produced about 1/10 of all the most quotable sentences in English. Many scholars have suggested that a poorly educated country man was incapable of producing such complicated works and over 50 candidates have been suggested. These include many well known names:- Edward de Vere (Earl of Oxford) Francis Bacon, Christopher Marlow, Mary Sidney (Countess of Pembroke) and William Stanley (6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby). We do know that, like many others, Shakespeare "borrowed " from other playwrights, it was the way that he put the stories together that made his works so memorable.

The final thing that I found very interesting is that we all think that we know what Shakespeare looked like. Do we? There are only three likenesses. First of all, the Chandos portrait bought by the Earl of Ellesmere and gifted to the National Portrait Gallery in 1856, secondly a Copper Plate Engraving by Martin Doesboutt, used as the frontispiece for the First Folio, generally agreed to be a very poor painting and thirdly a painted life size statue, the centre piece in a wall monument in the Holy Trinity Church, Stratford upon Avon by Ghereart Janson who had actually lived near the Globe Theatre so may have seen William Shakespeare (but it is not a very flattering image).

If you enjoy reading about the 16<sup>th</sup> century life, you will really enjoy this book, if you want to learn more about William Shakespeare you will have to search elsewhere as there are not a great deal of actual facts known....just read his plays.

Jill Doe

# THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK

I sometimes wonder if anyone remembers the first day The ARK Cafe opened - Revel 2015.



The downstairs was finished

but upstairs had yet to be completed, and the only access was a ladder!! We served cream teas, cake, teas and coffee – standing room only. The Malt Scoop was in the middle of refurbishment, so they were not able to open.

I remember someone bringing his grandson in a pushchair and basically being stopped in his tracks by the number of people in the cafe.

There are some days when things haven't changed much. The cafe space is not a big space and I'm fairly sure we didn't envisage so many people coming in at one time.

There have been so many highs and lows. Covid being the greatest low, having to shut for such a long time.

When we first started it was all about the Foodbank, and still is to a certain extent. The cafe allows us to use some of the money to top up when donations are down.

I wonder how many people remember what the word ARK stands for – if you've ever seen the film "Evan, Almighty", you will know right away. It stands for acts of random kindness, which has always been the reason for The ARK's existence.

A place in the village for people to meet, feel welcomed, listened to, but sometimes that's not always possible because of the volume of people and the lack of space.

The volunteers are amazing and do their very best, but they are volunteers – no-one gets paid, no-one, unless you count serving people and enjoying being with people.

Most are retired and not so fast on our feet but all of us enjoy being part of the community. There are times when people come in and just want to talk, having some one to listen to their story, sadly this is not always possible.

Our opening times and menu have changed over the years and so has the layout, we are always trying to find ways to create more space, not always easy when the space is small to begin with.

The ARK and Foodbank would not be able to function without the support and help from the village. It is getting increasingly difficult, particularly with the rising prices of food and electricity. Things are beginning to wear out and need replacing, so our budget gets a little more stretched. We are grateful for all the donations we have received, this certainly helps the Foodbank.

It's not all doom and gloom, it's really lovely to hear all the laughter and chatter that goes on each Tuesday and Friday, with conversations going backwards and forwards across the room.

The ARK has an amazing story and perhaps one day it will be committed to print for everyone to read and enjoy.

### The ARK Team

# LADIES ENJOY LIGHT BITES

Our theme for the night was Cakes, Custard and Quiz. The idea was that we sample



a few of each other's ideas for light bites, exchange recipes perhaps, and we would test our knowledge with a food quiz. Members turned up with a promising array of goodies for us to taste and these were set out for us to admire and to tempt us while we had a go at the quiz. Either Sue was very kind with her questions or we were all brilliant because everyone scored highly. The answers were all there in the form of multiple choice which probably had a lot to do with it. My main problem with quizzes (as I get older) is that even when I know the answer, it will not come to mind but sort of floats about maddeningly just out of reach. Hence, I feel I have a much better chance with multiple choice! As usual, there was some friendly banter and heckling over the quiz and what was the right answer.

After that, the kettle went on and teas and coffees were provided to enjoy with a tasting session. We usually have something to nibble with our evenings but on this occasion, we were thoroughly spoilt for choice. I'd like to rattle off a list of the offerings that were brought along but I was too busy enjoying myself to make a list and, of course, now, I can't remember all of them (memory again!). I don't want to mention some and not others because what I do remember is that they were all gratefully received. (Note to self, write about the next Ladies' night immediately after the event!) In some cases, portions of cake that we were too full to try were popped into the cupboard or freezer to use in The ARK so a useful contribution was made and nothing went to waste.

It was a simple evening with the usual chatter and laughter, at the end of which I suspect we all went home a little heavier than when we arrived.

## Sue Raffill

### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Over many years, the ancient stone bank which lies between the Church Green and Lower Town Place has gradually fallen into a poor state of repair. Most of the stone on the north side has disappeared, and part of the bank closest to the Church has started to collapse.

The good news is that work is now starting on the restoration of the bank, ensuring its survival for generations to come. Lapford Church Green Trustees and HOLD are jointly funding the work, having secured planning permission from Mid-Devon District Council.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the bank, the existing stonework will need to be carefully dismantled before being rebuilt in the traditional manner. Stones salvaged from Lower Town Place will also be used to replace those that are currently missing, including the replacement of unsightly modern blockwork close to the Victory Hall. Finally, the top of the bank will be planted with native shrubs and wildflowers, ensuring that it continues to provide a home for nature.

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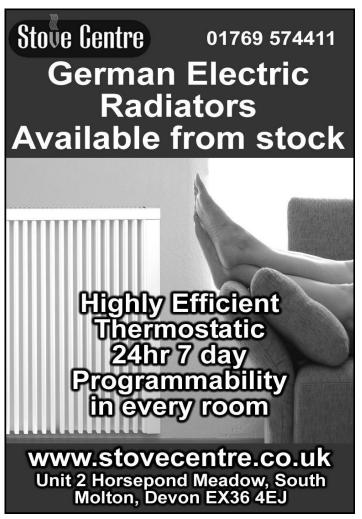




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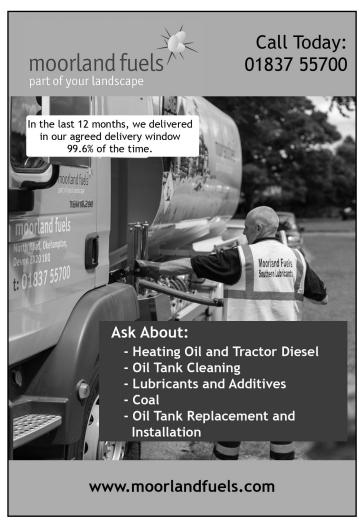
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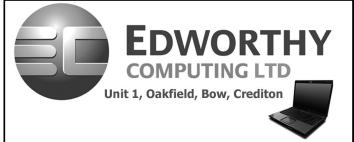
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# Gardening Club Show 2nd September 2023 Schedule of Classes

Section 1 - Photographic Prints (un-mounted and not exceeding 15cm x 20cm)

- Devon wildlife
- A rainbow

### Section 2 - Craft

- 3. A pin cushion
- An item made from recycled denim

Section 3 - Home Craft (items 5-7 to be covered for showing on a paper plate provided)

- 3 cheese straws
- Madeira cake (using the ingredients and guidance below)
- 8. 1 jar chutney (labelled, any metal cap is to be a new one) Section 4- Floral  $\mathbf{Art}$

- A table arrangement in a teapot
- 10. A hand-tied posy
- 11. An arrangement in a thimble
- Section 5 Fruit (all exhibits to be of the same variety)

  - 12. 3 pears 13. 3 dessert apples
  - 3 culinary apples
  - 15. 6 cane fruit
  - 16. 4 plums
- 17. 3 items of any other fruit (not included in the schedule)
- Section 6 Vegetables (items 18-28 to be of the same variety)
  - 18. 3 potatoes
  - 19. 3 carrots
  - 20. 3 onions (either from seed or set each under 250g)
  - 21. 5 shallots (shown on paper plate provided)
  - 22. 5 French beans
  - 23. 5 runner beans
  - 24. 5 tomatoes
  - 25. 5 tomatoes (small fruited type)
  - 26. 3 courgettes (10-15cm in length)
  - 27. 2 cucumbers
  - 28. 3 chillies
  - 5 sprigs of mixed herbs in a jar
  - 30. 3 items of any other vegetable (not included in the schedule)



- 31. 1 specimen rose bloom
- 32. 1 stem floribunda rose
- 33. 3 similar blooms marigolds
- 1 spike gladioli
- 35. 3 similar blooms cactus or semi-cactus dahlia
- 36. 3 similar blooms ball dahlia
- 1 specimen bloom dahlia
- 38. 3 blooms of mixed dahlias
- 39. A vase of mixed dahlias (minimum 5 blooms) 40. 5 stems mixed sweet peas
- 41. 1 vase mixed flowers (minimum 3 types)
- 42. 1 vase mixed foliage (minimum 3 types) 43. 1 flowering fuchsia (maximum pot size 16cm)
- 44. 1 foliage pot plant (maximum pot size 16cm)
- 45. 1 cactus or succulent (maximum pot size 16cm)

# Section 8 - Fun Section

- 46. Longest runner bean
- 47. Heaviest marrow
- 48. Heaviest potato
- 49. An odd shaped vegetable

# Section 9 - Children's Section

- Under 5 years
  50. A Toy Story Mr/Mrs Potato Head with a real potato
- 51. A finger-paint animal
  - 6-11 years
- A painted stone
- 53. A miniature garden (maximum size 20cm x 30cm)

### Section 10 - Members Only

54. Club plant. Potato as distributed earlier in the year & grown in pot provided

### Madeira Cake - Ingredients and Guidance

225g self raising flour

150g caster sugar Lemon essence

150g butter/margarine 3 medium eggs

Baked in one 18cm cake tin























### **CHULMLEIGH & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY**

Coffee Morning on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May between 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. at the Town Hall, Chulmleigh, EX18 7BR.



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# THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



The planting of an English Oak (Quercus robur) took place on Lapford Playing Field. The Queen's Green Canopy is an initiative that began in May 2021 in the United Kingdom in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. To increase and protect the native tree cover, people were urged to create this 'special gift' for the Queen, to mark her 70 years on the throne. The first Green Canopy tree was planted in Windsor in March 2021 by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles,

although the initiative was not officially opened until May 2021. One million trees were planted between October 2021 and March 2022. Lapford joined this initiative, and the planting of an English

Oak which supports over 2,300 species of wildlife, providing space to shelter, feed and breed, on the boundary between the Playing Field and the small playground was arranged by the Parish Council and Lapford Youth Playing Field Trust. Florence Mills was first to wield the spade, followed by Peter Heal, Sue Briant-Evans and Roy Andrews. The event was well attended by many local residents who turned up to observe the planting of the tree, and we looking forward to watching this tribute to Her Majesty grow over the coming years.



Jeanne Whittaker

# CHURCH GREEN FACE LIFT AND FENCE RENEWAL UPDATE

Grateful thanks to all who have already become MATCHERs [more needed please] and sponsored Posts and Rails.

Thanks to the MOLEs and MUCKERs offering voluntary assistance.

Together we will be the MAKERS of a restored 'Church Green.'

When will all this happen?
Last two weeks of June so hopefully completed in time for Revel.

What is actually going to happen?

# **FENCE RENEWAL**

- The Fence will be renewed using Oak donated from a local woodland. [Same as The ARK fence]
- The entrance gates from the road giving access to the path across the Church Green into the Church will be properly rehung on new posts.

# RESTORATION of the BANK between Church Green and Lower Town Place (LTP).

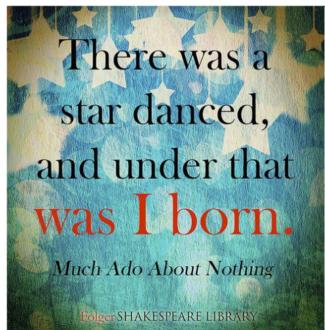
- Church Green Trustees (CGT) and Heart Of Lapford Development (HOLD) Assoc. are working together and responding to a recent community campaign to retain the bank.
- CGT have been granted planning permission to fully **RESTORE** the stone faced banking on the Church Green side.
- HOLD is fully committed to creating a stone faced bank on the LTP side where there was no bank before LTP was developed as public space.
- All the stone needed will come from the stone reclaimed from LTP site.
- Together this will create a visually attractive Stone Faced Devon Bank that significantly adds to our Lapford Heritage.
- Planning Permission also allowed for the replacement of the concrete block section of the current bank with a wooden pedestrian accessible gate from the Church Green into LTP. This will give safe pedestrian access from the car park to The

NB Any mechanical preparation needed to enable all the above will be undertaken carefully, sensitively, expertly and with public safety in mind.

Any questions or further donations or volunteer offers please contact:

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Don Pedro and his company, returning home to Aragon after a brief but bloody campaign against his treacherous brother Don John in the East, stops off to see his old friend Leonata in Messina. Don John has been forgiven for his uprising and incorporated into the company, but still harbours deep resentment and ill-will against his brother. He sees the opportunity to exact his revenge by interfering in the love match between Don Pedro's trusted captain Claudio and Leonata's daughter Hero.

Trust is apparently betrayed, a bride is left jilted at the altar, and much confusion and bitterness surface. The hopelessly incompetent City Watch inadvertently provide a solution to a seemingly unsolvable problem. In amongst it all the soldier Benedick and the wasp-tongued spinster Beatrice engage in a war of words and wits, hiding their true love for each other. With the help of a quick-witted friar and an ingenious plan, all leads to a happy ending – doesn't it always?



# THE BIG (LAPFORD) HELP OUT Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8 <sup>th</sup>	May for:
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# LAPFORD'S THRIVING YOUTH CLUB

While the restrictions of the pandemic years fade from memory the importance of social activity for our children and young people has never been so great. Lapford Youth Club continues to thrive and, in this our second full year of running since Covid, we as a group have extended to three different types of sessions in any month. Thursday Hi Fives with attendances circa 30 per session, while down slightly on this time last year, means that we don't have to impose a "cap" of 40. Friday Night Drop-in continues to be circa 10 that we anticipate will pick-up with the warmer weather and lighter evenings. Saturday Hi Five Juniors for mums and 4 - to 7-year-olds has been this year's innovation.



All made possible by our great volunteer base of 20+ adults and the terrific energy and dedication of Cat Seymour. In a very long career of working with organisations who work with young people I am impressed with the commitment of so many helpers. In the background there is the additional support given by the Management Committee, banking the income and paying the bills, where our finances are kept in order by Treasurer Sue Briant-Evans. Thank you everyone.

At last, after four years in the doldrums, we can turn our attention to positively working out what facilities can be provided for children and young people around the Hall and Lower Town Place. I am delighted to say that last week Lapford Parish Council, with only one Councillor against, voted to accept the Clerk's Report. At a cost of circa £10k to Lapford Council Taxpayers the report concludes:

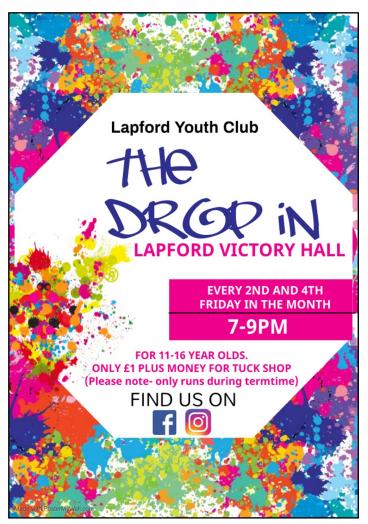
Youth Club Management Committee did nothing wrong and there is no missing money;

Lower Town Place is owned by the community;

There is a thriving Youth Club, draw a line, move on and plan.

Planning next steps is on the agenda for the Committee meeting that follows. We need to recreate the momentum that was started in 2019 and stopped by a few who opposed the wishes of the many. This Committee tried to re-boot this drive last year with the "Youth Club of the Future" document that set the statistical demand by our children, identified the current shortcomings, and outlined three Exeter projects for new buildings at circa £800k to construct. The Council declined to receive this paper until the Clerk's Report had been written and voted upon. This is now done and dusted and with elections in May 'hope is eternal' that progress will start in earnest from June.

Steve Keable – Lapford Youth Club Chair's Annual Report 4 April 2023



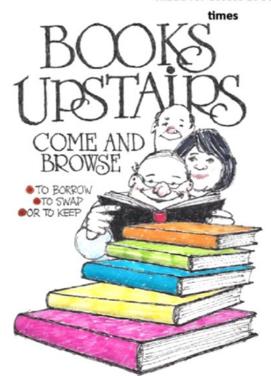








The ARK is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 10.00am to 2.00pm Arrangements can be made for access at other



# CHULMLEIGH RURAL CINEMA



Sam Mendes' scripted and directed labour of love, about the healing power of the movies, set in a 1980s Margate golden era picture house, with a ferociously affecting performance from Olivia Coleman.

Also starring Colin Firth, Toby Jones and Micheal Ward. (15)

Friday 12th May 2023
The Pavilion, Leigh Road, Chulmleigh EX18 7JL
Doors open 6.45pm Film starts 7.30pm
Wine, beer, soft drinks and interval ice-creams for sale
Tickets £5 (Chulmleigh Society members £4.50) on the door

Coming shortly: The Banshees of Inisherin (15) Friday 9th June The Fabelmans (12A) Friday 14th July



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### Lapford

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

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Opposite Village Hall: 12.30-12.50

Every 4 weeks on Tuesdays

May 23rd, June 20th, July 18th,

August 18th, September 12th, October 10th,

November 7th and December 5th



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- Childline ~ 0800 1111
- Churches House Action Team ~ 01884 255606
- Citizens Advice Bureau ~ 03444 111 444
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- 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
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   Barnstaple: 07850 927 064
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- RSPCA ~ 0300 1234 999
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Bow Medical Centre - £6

Chulmleigh Dental Practice - £6

Chulmleigh Health Centre - £6

Crediton (Breast Screening) - £7

Crediton Community Hospital - £6

Morchard 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.

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# In Loving Memory of Noel Parry 1930-2023

"A great man who left behind a hallmark, a legacy." Words echoed by Mervyn Burd at Noel Parry's Funeral on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

It is not surprising with Noel's popularity that there were about 150 attendees to the service. All people from different walks of life who had been impacted by Noel in his wonderful life. Thomas Edward Noel Parry passed away peacefully on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, aged 92.

Whether you knew Noel since his move to Lapford in the 70's, growing up with him and being taught by him, by the many clubs he participated in or maybe you have just heard of Noel's legendary status, the majority of Lapfordians would consider him one of the Greats.

During his time at Lapford, Noel was the head teacher for nearly 20 years. Many of his ex-pupils have many humorous anecdotes, but the one that is continually repeated is the story of Noel throwing buckets of water on the playground during a bout of winter weather to make an ice rink!

As well as a teacher he was a member of the Congregational Church, L.A.D.S, the Village Archive group, supporter of Lapford A.F.C., to name just a few.

He also wrote a lot about Lapford's history and published books on the subject. Noel was a great sportsman during his time and enjoyed playing cricket, rugby (of course) and surprisingly, boxing!

It was very touching but no surprise to hear about how special he was to his family; three sons and their wives, many grandchildren and four great grandchildren. They shared their special reflections of summer days spent with Noel in his garden and other precious memories. After being married for over 40 years, his beloved wife June passed away from cancer in 1999 and Noel then married the lovely Beryl in 2001.

Whether you knew him for his sense of humour, Christian discipleship, or simply from good conversations in passing, Noel was a kind, funny man who had a love of life. Let it be in no doubt that Noel Parry will always be known as a true Lapford Legend!

