

LAPFORD LOOKOUT

VOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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11th Nov





DRAW FOR AID TO Coffee & Lovely Cakes at The ARK

Prizes include the original painting above, a meal for two at the Malt Scoop, and a **Devon County Show ticket voucher for two.**

Buy Draw Tickets from The ARK, The Malt Scoop or the Revel Committee and help to raise funds to send aid via a local initiative to Ukraine before winter sets in.



To learn more, see the article inside this Lapford Lookout or look up Joe Bussell's Facebook page.

TICKETS £1.00 EACH





A van loaded for an earlier

To remember those we have lost - family, friends, colleagues - whether they rest here or far away



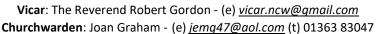
PARISH CHURCH 2.30 P.M. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5th

Open to all. There will be a Book of Remembrance for you to record their names



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU TO:

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY



ALL ARE WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER SERVICES

Sunday 5th 9.30am Sunday 5th 2.30pm Wednesday 8th 10.30am Sunday 12th 9.30am Sunday 12th 10.45am

Service of Commemoration BCP Holy Communion Remembrance Eucharist

Lay Led Morning Prayer

Village Remembrance Service at the War

Memorial

Sunday 16th 9.30am Lay led Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th 9.30am Common Worship Eucharist



A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5th at 2.30 P.M.

An open invitation to all in the community to remember loved ones of any age, now departed, in a short ecumenical service to their memory. It doesn't matter when they passed away or where they now rest, whether here in Lapford or elsewhere.

There will be a Book of Remembrance for you to record their names; you may wish to remember more than one person.

Refreshments will be served afterwards

(November 5th is the first Sunday after All Souls Day, the traditional day of Remembering)

LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Services every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays
Contact: Caroline Gilpin-Perkins 83674 Peter Lacey 07775 941505
Cat Seymour 884432 Helen Wyatt 07964 855677
Carol Worsdell 07368 860835

email: <u>lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com</u> www. <u>facebook.com/lapfordcongregationalchurch</u>



5th November - led by Mervyn Burd

12th November - Joint Remembrance Day - Service at the Parish Church

19th November - led by Merril Archer

26th November - All Age Service led by Cat Seymour

3rd December - David Worden



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 VILLAGE TIDY UP DAY



The Village Tidy up Day was held on 14th October, fortunately the rain stopped!

At least twenty volunteers took part, more than on any previous occasion. All helped with the following.

- Litter pickers covered a large area, much less was found this time.
- The hedge around Lower Town Place was trimmed and a trailer load of trimmings removed.
- The area adjacent to Lower Town Place was weeded on the car park side. Weeding was also done on the pavements and area around the Orchard Centre and nearby properties.
- The bottom of Orchard Way had a massive 'makeover'.
- Almost 30 large plastic bags were filled with weeds!
- Bulbs were planted in the renovated bank between the Church Green and Lower Town Place.
- Some of the village signs were washed.

Thank you to you all for giving up some time, your efforts have made a massive difference, and are much appreciated.

If you were unable to help, is there anything you could do in your area, for example some weeding?

Every little bit will enhance the village appearance.

I'm sure we will do it all again in the future!

Thank You

Julie Down Lapford Parish Council



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome



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Deadline for inclusion in the next issue: 6.00 p.m. on the 14th Nov. for inclusion in the Dec. issue

DEFIBRILLATOR AT ROSE REMOVALS

The Rose Removals team has kindly allowed the defibrillator sited on its premises to be used by the public in an emergency.

It can be found housed in the red telephone box in front of the building about two hundred yards from the main gate. Out of hours there is pedestrian access around the side of the gate. After use, please contact Rose Removals to let them know. Email info@roseremovals.co.uk or phone 01363 83700.

A huge thank you to Rose Removals for making this facility available.

Lapford Emergency Action Plan Committee



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

November

- 3rd Devon's Ancient Bench Ends, 7.30pm Victory Hall
- 4th Bow YFC Big Breakfast for Congregational Chapel Funds, Victory Hall, 9am-12.00am
- 4th Charity Crafty Christmas Coffee Morning, 15 Highfield, 10.00am—2.00pm
- 5th Commemoration Service, Parish Church, 2.30pm
- 6th LP2K AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 7th Church Green AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th 80/90's Disco, Victory Hall, 7.30pm
- 11th Draw for the Dancer, The ARK, 11.30am
- 11-12th Drawn by Nature Exhibition, North Tawton Bowling Club, 11.00am—4.00pm
- 12th Remembrance Sunday Service, 9.30am in Church, 10.45am on the Church Green
- 14th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 14th Lapford Parish Council meeting, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 16th Ladies of Lapford, Talk on Driving Safely, 7.30pm at The
- 22nd LVCA AGM, Orchard Centre, 3.00pm
- 23rd Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas shopping at Clarks
- 25th Lapford Christmas Village Market, Victory Hall,
 10.00am-1.00pm. District councillor Steve Keable and a
 Lapford Parish Councillor will be in attendance from
 10.00am to 11.00am
- 30th Lapford Over 60 Club, The ARK

December

- 1st Christmas Fayre open evening, The ARK, 6.00-8.00pm
- 2nd Christmas Fayre, The Ark, 10.00am—1.00pm
- 6th Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas meal at The Waie Inn
- 9th Parish Church Xmas Fayre, 10-12pm at the Victory Hall
- 12th Lapford Gardening Club, Social, 7.30pm
- 14th Ladies of Lapford, Christmas Meal, Old Malt Scoop
- 16th Christmas Fayre, The ARK, 10.00am—1.00pm
- 19th Lapford Parish Council meeting, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

January 2024

18th Ladies of Lapford, 7.30pm The ARK, Fun and Games with nibbles

Please send your Dates to Lookout For to lapfordlookout@gmail.com

LAPFORD CHURCH GREEN TRUSTEES



Notice of the

Annual General Meeting

to be held on

Tuesday 7th November 2023 in the Orchard Centre at 7-30p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend



FRIENDS OF ST. THOMAS CHURCH, LAPFORD CALENDAR 2024



AVAILABLE FROM
THE ARK
£10
In aid of maintaining
the beauty of the
church interior







February Streaky Sky



March Lapford from the Church Tow



May



June
or Ponies at Landacre Bridge
Proc Lambert



Revel on Lower To David Garton







THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK REMEMBRANCE

November can be such a grey and dreary time of year, not made any more cheerful by the act of remembrance at the beginning of the month. The trees will have mostly shed their leaves. The vibrant colours of autumn are being replaced by the bareness of the trees, heralding darker days to come. The act of remembrance seems to set the tone for November. Nature is shutting down in preparation for a new burst of growth in Spring.



The poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae is usually read at the Lapford Remembrance service. It is believed that John McCrae was so moved by the death of his friend, who was killed by a shell burst and inspired by the profusion of wild poppies he could see in a nearby cemetery, that he penned the poem.

In Flanders field the poppies blow, between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky, the larks still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields
Take up our quarrel with the foe, to you with failing hands we throw
the torch, be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with those who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.

It's such a striking poem, reminding me of the futility and sadness of war. Men and women giving their lives for their country and freedom for all. The cost is huge. The damage is long lasting. The losses indescribable for those left behind and for those who return, everything changes.

Yet we read in the Bible about one man, whose sole purpose was to die for mankind. He knew exactly what he was going to face and yet he saw it through to the end. It was a brutal, bloody agonising death. He had shared a supper with his friends and tried to prepare them for the coming events. He asked them to remember him and his death every time they took bread and wine together. He said to them "Do this in remembrance of me."

His death and resurrection changed everything. He gave his life so that we might live our lives closer to God. I wonder what people think when they attend remembrance services, do they really appreciate the sacrifice that was made. I wonder, too, if there has ever been a time when there has been no fighting, anywhere. How strange it must have seemed when all the guns were finally silent and they were able to hear the birds singing.

We must remember those who died, we owe them so much, yet the fighting still goes on and somehow we haven't learnt the lesson or recognised the greatest sacrifice and gift of all, the gift of life given by God, through his precious son, Jesus.

The ARK Team

CREDITON LIBRARY REMINISCENCE PROJECT

Crediton Library's Reminiscence Project is set to enter a new phase, thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The funding, made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, will allow the library to continue gathering and preserving memories of Crediton and the surrounding areas.

So far, in partnership with the Folklore Library and Archive, the library has collected and made available a number of memories of the local area. These include recollections of life during World War Two, stories of farming and growing up in the countryside, as well as living through rapidly changing times. There are memories of the first lady to receive antibiotics in Crediton, life before mobile phones and a resident's memories of getting their first colour TV.

The Reminiscence Project was set up to collect memories from a range of people with a connection to the area, whether they have been residents all their lives, they once lived in the area or have only recently moved. These memories will be recorded in audio form, capturing the voices of the people they belong to. Over the next two years, there will be a range of events to open the collection up to the community.

Crediton Library is seeking volunteers, whether to carry out interviews, transcribe them or to help with outreach events. It is also looking for interviewees, whatever their age or background - anyone with memories of Crediton and the surrounding areas is welcome! Please contact the library on 01363 772578 or email

crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk to find out more.

Recordings from earlier phases of the project can be found online at: www.folklorelibrary.com/crediton-library.

LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

At the October meeting we heard about garden design from Alison Bockh. Alison has been designing gardens in the West Country for many years and explained her approach, always asking the client what they want from their garden. She showed us many amazing case studies and certainly gave club members some 'food for thought'.

Our next meeting will be in The ARK on 14th November at 7.30p.m. when we will have Joah Madden, Professor in Animal Behaviour at Exeter University, and resident of Lapford, to talk about the great variety of moths that can be found here in Lapford.

All are welcome to our meetings.

LAPFORD OVER 60'S CLUB FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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Thursday 23rd November 2023 - Christmas Shopping at Clarks

Shopping Village, Street. Coach for members £17 per person, £20 per person for non members.

Thursday 30th November 2023 - Club meeting in The ARK - talk to be confirmed.



LAPFORD WEATHER SEPTEMBER 2023

Much milder than average, near average rainfall.

This was the mildest September in my records stretching back to 1987, thanks to a weather pattern that sent very warm air our way for several days from North Africa during the first two weeks of the month.

The second half was much nearer average. The warmest day was the 8th with a maximum of 29.1° C, the warmest September day in my records. The coolest was the 22nd with a maximum of 14.0° C and the coldest night was on the 23rd with a minimum of 6.4° C. The grass temperature fell to just 0.1° C on this night.

Total rainfall was 75.7mm, most of which fell in the second half of the month.

The wettest day was the 16th with 17.5mm.

The windiest day was the 24th with a gust of 30mph.

Andy Epstein



LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)

16th November 7.30 pm, The ARKTalk on Driving Safely

14th December 7.00 pm, The Old Malt Scoop
Christmas Meal

18th January 7.30pm, The ARKFun and games with nibbles

CHULMLEIGH FLORAL ART CLUB

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30p.m. in the Chulmleigh Pavilion.

We welcome new members and visitors to join us at any meeting.

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October 18th our demonstrator will be Margaret Heal with the theme of 'Inspiration'. The competition is a 'Halloween Decoration'.

November 15th our demonstrator is Susan Griffiths who will be sharing a 'festive flourish'. The competition is a Christmas candle arrangement.

We look forward to welcoming you.

PETITION TO GET ROAD RESURFACED ON LAPFORD VILLAGE BRIDGE

Lapford Parish Council and I, as your District Councillor, met in August with the County Council, to argue the case to make our roads safe and fix the bridge. We were told "there is no money and bids have to be made to a central pot for what little is left". In September the Parish Council wrote in the strongest terms to Meg Booth, the Head of Devon Highways, in an attempt to get the road surface repaired and, as the Lapford Lookout goes to press, have just been told the County Council promise to do this soon.



We don't know how soon! So, if the road bridge is not fixed by the time you read this article, please help me to increase the pressure upon Devon County Council by supporting the campaign to get this road fixed. You can do this by signing this petition.

As residents we say:

"The condition of the road surface of the bridge into Lapford is very poor. It is a hazard and causing damage to vehicles. Local residents call on Devon County Council to advance their programme of roadworks, and repair and resurface the bridge immediately'.

Here is a short URL for the online petition: https://tinyurl.com/mwmzac8b

Or use this QR Code:

District Councillor Steve Keable

IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT

It only takes a moment to wash and squash empty food cans. Today, my neighbour and I were chatting outside when we were approached by a small, very distressed ginger cat. It's head was firmly stuck in an unwashed cat food can. We managed with difficulty and more distress to the cat to remove it. There's no knowing how long the poor cat was trapped or what it's fate would have been if it hadn't come to us for help.

It only takes a moment and could prevent tragedy. Next time it could be a hedgehog or maybe even your own cat.

Thank you.

Janice Parrott



LAPFORD REVEL 2024

Heads up that Lapford Revel will be taking place over the weekend of July 5th, 6th and 7th. Watch out for more details!

LAPFORD VILLAGE ARCHIVE

Another month of sorting and filing has been completed. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and for dropping in to the Orchard Centre on



Tuesday mornings. We really do enjoy listening to you.

We love photographs, they tell us so much but, without a date we may age people unfairly (no one wants that to happen!) so please put a date on the back of any photo you send to the archive.

Thank you.

Please don't forget to come to the talk. Dr Todd Gray is interesting and of course Lapford church will play a part in the talk!

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FIBRE BROADBAND ROLLOUT PROPOSAL UPDATE

You may have heard rumblings that the majority of the "01363" Lapford telephone exchange numbers (including Coldridge and



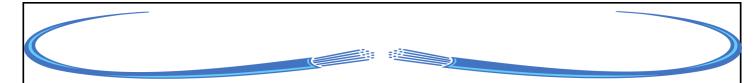
Nymet Rowland) have been pre-selected to be considered for a fibre broadband rollout by BT Openreach.

The Government have offered to fund this work to the tune of £4,500 per interested household with no direct financial contribution required from the consumer. There are useful gains for residents and businesses including a more reliable service and the potential for much faster speeds for those that need it. I have been doing some personal research on the rollout and speaking with Openreach to ensure that Coldridge parish residents' best interests are catered for, especially our elderly and frail residents.

I've researched some Frequently Asked Questions which can be viewed online - https://bit.ly/3ZznCz2 or see page seven of this issue of the Lapford Lookout.

Michelle Maidment of BT Openreach has offered to host a daytime meeting in Coldridge Village Hall in the near future to explain how the process could proceed. In the meantime, I am happy to answer residents' questions, by phone or email. Airband residents will be welcome to express an interest without committing themselves at this stage as the rollout is likely to be up to 12 months depending on how much work is required.

Phil Bridges - Coldridge resident - philbridges@email.com (07990 563147) or Michelle Maidment michelle.maidment@openreach.co.uk



LAPFORD/NYMET ROWLAND/COLDRIDGE POTENTIAL FIBRE FAQ'S

Q: If I agree to allow my voucher to be used by Openreach will it cost me anything up front?

A: No, you simply need to agree to upgrade to a new fibre service once the network is installed. You can use any provider on the Openreach network – see https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fttp-providers for details. You can pledge to the voucher scheme at https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fibre-community-partnership/connect-my-community

Q: How many premises need to agree to allocate their voucher to Openreach before the rollout moves to the next stage?

A: 240 premises (there are approx. 800 premises connected to the Lapford Exchange).

Q: I don't want to move to fibre for now, can I stay on my ADLS/VDSL (Copper line) connection for the time being?

A: This is an opt-in scheme. If you do not want to have fibre

Q: If I change to fibre will I be able to take my phone number with me?

A: It will depend on your communications provider. You'll need to contact your current/chosen provider to check.

Q: I have an old style 5-digit Lapford number rather than 6, Will it still work if I change to a fibre provider?

A: You will need to check with your current /chosen Provider.

Q: Will my internet be faster?

at this time, please do not pledge.

A: Full fibre is gigabit capable, i.e. 1000 Mbps whereas copper cables connected to an enabled green box can only achieve up to 80Mbps, so it is able to achieve speeds that are over 10 x faster. You can choose your provider and also the package/speed that you require, as you do with your current service.

Q: Will I have to start a fresh contract or will my old contract keep going?

A: This will depend on the terms and conditions of your existing contract so you will need to speak to your current Provider.

If you believe your Provider is not working within the T's & C's of your contract please contact them.

Q: Will fibre be more expensive?

A: It depends on what you are currently paying at the moment - you can check for pricing for the providers listed on the Openreach link above.

Q: Is fibre more reliable than copper?

A: Yes – it's not susceptible to being spanned over longer distances or poor weather conditions, both of which can affect the speed of internet over a copper line.

Q: I only have a copper phone line, no Internet.

A: When you place an order for fibre broadband, a new socket will be installed in the property for you to connect your phone.

Q: In the case of landline phones is the move to fibre mandatory before the December 2025 copper cut-off date?

A: If you have a good reason not to make the move - there may be special exceptions such as if you're a vulnerable customer or have critical equipment that might not work. If you think this applies to you, you should check with your service provider to check what's the best option for you.

Q: What happens to my broadband if there is a power cut? **A**: Alternative options are battery backup or a mobile phone. In some cases, communication providers will provide one of these for you, if you are registered as a vulnerable customer. Please talk to your communications provider about any concerns and what they can offer you.

Q: If I switch to fibre with a Provider who supports VOIP What will happen to my phone connection if there is a power cut? **A:** Alternative options are battery backup or a mobile phone. In some cases, communication providers will provide one of these for you, if you are registered as a vulnerable customer. Please talk to your communications provider about any concerns and what they can offer you.

Q: Assuming enough people show interest how long before things happen?

A: Typically, 12-18 months. Some areas may be completed more quickly, others may take longer, it will depend on how much work is required for the build.

Q: I currently have Airband's 'radio' option, will I be able to move my Airband over to Openreach Fibre to get faster speeds?

A: Question logged with Airband by Phil Bridges

Q: How can I raise a concern with Openreach?

A: In the event the Coldridge\Lapford Openreach rollout team is unable to resolve a rollout-related issue you can email the team via fibrecommunityparnership@openreach.co.uk

Further reading -

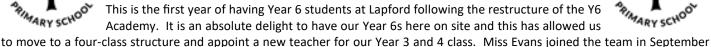
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LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



It has been a tremendously busy first half term of the school year and the summer break already feels like a very distant memory!





This year one of our improvement priorities is around enrichment and we want to improve our extra curricular offer for all the children in our school. This has started really positively with a huge range of new lunch time clubs on offer to the children. Some children are enjoying craft club, while others prefer coding or recorders. What has been really lovely to see is the Year 5 and 6 children taking responsibility for organising and running a number of these activities and showing such compassion to our younger

children as they help them learn a new skill.



As well as clubs, we are creating links with local sports providers to develop opportunities for children to take part in competitive fixtures. So far this term we have been involved in a Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament, a Y6 inclusive sports festival, a Year 3 and 4 cross country event and just last week we took a selected group of KS2 runners to Torrington to take part in the Stephens Shield – a highly competitive cross country event. This term, all of our KS2 children have been taking part in weekly swimming lessons at the Waie Inn and we are incredibly proud of the progress they are making with this important life skill.

We are also working hard to bring the curriculum to life through trips, visits and theme days and each class will have a 'Memorable Moment' each half term. This half term two of our classes

travelled to Tiverton to visit the museum there to learn about 'Toys from the Past' and 'Britain at War'. Our other classes have had a theme day with Robins becoming superheroes for the day in line with their learning about Supertato, and Kingfishers looking forward to their Viking and Anglo-Saxon day at the end of this week. We really have been a busy bunch!

and is enjoying getting to know the children both in her class and across the wider school.

Mrs J Wright Head of School



AID FOR UKRAINE



This van, the supplies and the person in the photograph are local to us. They have travelled over two thousand miles from Crediton to Kormano in western Ukraine to deliver much needed and appreciated supplies right into the country and to the people who need them. Several trips like this have already happened, and more will be happening, the next this month.

Joe Bussell, the man in the photograph, has made it his mission to collect medicines and medical supplies, warm clothing, waterproofs, non-perishable food items in tins and packets, toiletries, nappies & other baby-care items, soft toys, colouring books & crayons for children, pack it all in labelled, colour-coded boxes then drive it with a co-driver all across Europe to the people who need it.

Our local community has been wonderful in donating items to Joe, but he also needs funds to cover things like fuel for the van and accommodation and food during the long drive across the continent. It is becoming increasingly difficult to raise those funds.

The ARK, a community café and hub in Lapford, has been given an

original painting to use to raise funds for aid to Ukraine. The artist, Brian Dennington, lived in the village prior to his death.

Lapford Revel Committee has undertaken to raffle the painting to raise funds, mostly for a Ukraine initiative, and a little for itself, and a worthy cause for help would seem to be Joe Bussell's very local aid initiative.

The Draw will take place at The ARK on the morning of November 11th as part of a cake and coffee morning to promote the cause and raise funds. There are lots of wonderful prizes as well as this painting.

Tickets (£1 each) are currently on sale at The ARK and Malt Scoop in Lapford.





LAPFORD PROJECT 2000 AGM

Monday 6th November Orchard Centre, 7.30p.m. All Welcome



LAPFORD VOLUNTARY CAR AID

Wednesday 22nd November, Orchard Centre, 3.00p.m. All Welcome

LADIES VISIT THE WAIE INN - AGAIN

It sounds as though this could be developing into a worrying habit but in fact, we consumed very little alcohol. We had gathered for a game of skittles. This was not our original plan for the evening. We should have been consuming coffee in Crediton and learning all about coffee making and coffee beans.



But sadly, this did not quite work out so a hasty second option was proposed. For anyone interested, we will have another go at arranging an evening with the Crediton Coffee Company.

Our second option went well. Last time we had played, we inadvertently tried to hijack the wrong alley. Little did we know it was reserved for the 'serious players' – definitely not a description that fitted us or our efforts! We were briefly thwarted because there were no balls but tracked them down quickly and began. No teams this time, it was every man (woman) for herself.

Play went smoothly until an enthusiastic bowler managed to bring down the mattress that was protecting the wall behind the skittles. This did succeed in knocking all the pins down quite spectacularly but it was ruled out as far as scoring was concerned. In fact, no-one managed to get them all down with one ball, the best we managed a few times was to get them all down with three balls. Obviously, more practice is needed. We were, it turned out, very evenly matched. The winner was only one point ahead of the next two players who drew for second place and there were not many points between first place and last place.

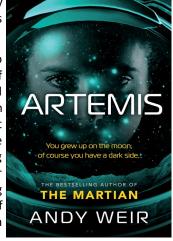
After our game, we retired to the comfy seats and enjoyed a good natter before calling time and wending our way back home.

Sue Raffill

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW ARTEMIS BY ANDY WEIR

Artemis is the first city on the moon...yes, this is Science Fiction but please don't be put off by that. It is actually the tale of a complicated heist but set on the moon. It involves drug cartels from South America, top politicians and scientists amongst many others.

Jazz Bashara is a young criminal who manages to make a living of sorts smuggling contraband onto the moon. She is always looking for a chance to make enough money to improve her standard of living and lift herself from the lowest strata of the population on Artemis. One of her contraband customers offers her the chance to make a lot of money and she jumps at the opportunity. On Artemis, like the Guilds used to be in medieval times, each skill is kept to a different nationality. Jazz's Saudi Arabian father is a skilled welder and what she learnt from him as she grew up will prove very useful. Even though she and her father are no longer in contact following a major row that resulted in him kicking her out, she still follows the strict religious customs of her Muslim upbringing. The welding skills she leant from him will prove very useful and by involving her multi-national friends with other skills, she plans an audacious raid on her customer's rivals. If she is successful, the rival's business is completely devalued and can be taken over at rock bottom costs. Her customer will then pay her enough to improve her life style for years.



The book would be very short if everything went according to plan, twists, turns and double crosses follow, no one is as they originally appeared (at least there were no little green men, that would be taking it just too far!). Andy Weir has invented a complicated social setting in Artemis. Kenya is now one of the richest countries in the world because, when the existing nations decided that space travel was too expensive and dropped out of the Space Race, Kenya stepped forward and invested in space exploration and built Artemis on the moon. There are bits in the book that went right over my head specially the "science bits" but this didn't stop me from wanting to find out if Jazz succeeded and what happened to her and her assorted group of friends.

How on earth Andy Weir managed to visualise the Lunar city with all its problems, I don't know, but it reads as if it could one day function up on the moon.

As I expected, I was the only Book Club member who actually finished, and enjoyed this book. I am the only one who reads Science Fiction and Fantasy books. I started reading Arthur C. Clarke and Isaac Asimov in my teens and still enjoy all of the more recent authors.

Jill Doe

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Answers to last month's puzzle								
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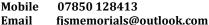




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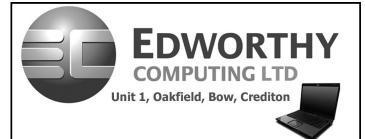
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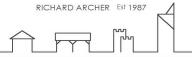
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LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES, SEPTEMBER 2023

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 12th September 2023 in the Orchard Centre.

These notes summarise the issues discussed in the meeting.

The clerk had submitted a letter to the senior staff at Devon Highways, alongside leading councillors, requesting in the strongest possible way that the damaged road surface on the bridges in Lapford be repaired. Further action would be necessary if this did not bring results.

The action taken by Lapford Parish Council on highways fitted well with the approach being taken by Mid Devon District Council which was requesting a better response across the board from Devon County Council on highway repairs.

The current tasks being actively pursued were:

- An attempt to get a householder to cut back a hedge overhanging the highway
- Replacing road signs that were damaged or missing
- Cleaning road signs.
- Repairing and better securing the lock on the public toilet door at the Orchard Centre.
- Making the telephone box safe so it could be used as a book-swap location.
- Publicising a 'Volunteering Day' to take place on 14th October 2023.

In addition, the formation of a team to undertake work on the Lapford Neighbourhood Plan was being organised with the possibility of a Public Meeting being set up with Mid Devon experts present. Information on what a Neighbourhood Plan could do was to be posted in the October Lapford Lookout.

A grant of £500 was agreed to support the valuable Lapford Voluntary Car Aid service.

The Lapford Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) team was to be reorganised with a new set of Terms of Reference.

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MID DEVON LAUNCHES POLLING REVIEW

Posted on: 02-10-2023 Posted in: Voting and elections





By law the Council must conduct a full review of its parliamentary polling districts and places every five years. This is to ensure each parish has a separate polling district, a designated polling place for each district (unless special circumstances apply) and to ensure all polling stations are accessible. The review does not look at altering boundaries or names of electoral areas.

While Mid Devon has until 2025 to carry out a review, as a general election may happen anytime between now and January 2025 the Council has decided to begin the process now, with a public consultation running from 2nd October to 12th November 2023. As part of the review the Council will be contacting the public, local organisations, and political parties.

Councillor Jane Lock, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Working Environment, said:

"The aim of this review is to provide a more effective local election service for our voters and to help improve local democracy. These reviews are often needed because of growth in an area, changes to boundaries, a change in facilities available and a lack of accessibility. This whole process is all about improving democracy at a really local level and that is why it is important we hear from our constituents and can take their views into account."

Following a preliminary review by the Acting Returning Officer at Mid Devon to accommodate new parliamentary constituencies, the Council has already identified potential changes. Full details can be found online on the dedicated webpage.

The Council is keen to hear from individuals and organisations about the proposed changes and welcomes further suggestions and comments regarding polling districts and places in the Mid Devon area.

At the end of the review period the Council will make a number of recommendations which will be made available in a public document, including the reasoning behind each recommendation.

Any changes as a result of the review would come into effect for elections which take place in 2024.

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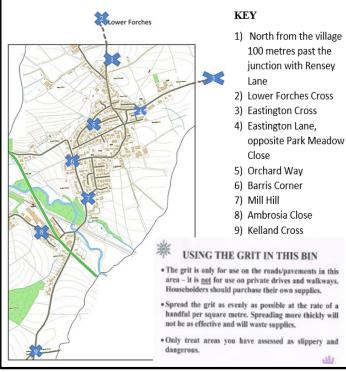
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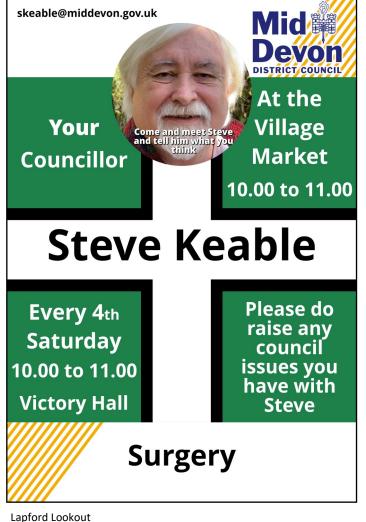
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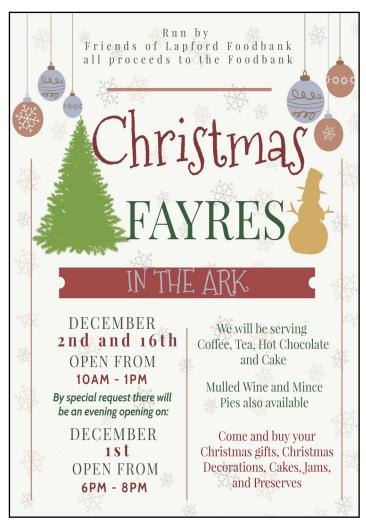






















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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- 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

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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

Morchard Bishop Surgery - £4

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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Mon-Fri Saturday **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. 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Highfield Orchard Way 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Saxtons 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Morchard Road 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m. 11.15 a.m. Copplestone

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

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An Evening Talk by

Dr Todd Gray

Lapford Victory Hall

Friday 3rd November 7.30pm

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