



# LAPFORD VILLAGE VOLUNTEERING CLEAN-UP DAY

14TH OCTOBER - 10 AM

Following the successful "Big Help Out" initiative over the Coronation weekend, this is an opportunity to tidy up our village ahead of winter.

Litter pick (insured by MDDC) - Register at the Orchard Centre \* Tidying & planting at Lower Town Place (The Gardening Group is already on board with this one but more help gratefully received)  
\* Weeding and tidying the car park \* Cleaning the more accessible village road signs \* Weeding in various areas around the village (perhaps a get together with neighbours to weed/tidy the area near your house)

A thank you snack lunch, bacon baps, will be provided in the Victory Hall from 12-30pm  
The Parish Council will insure any volunteers giving time on that day.

To take advantage of this please register your name and contact details with the Parish Clerk beforehand via phone 07768 829511 or email [clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk) or register at the Orchard Centre from 10-00am.

Note that MDDC no longer provides weed clearing services to villages, so it is now up to each community to make its own arrangements either on a voluntary basis or by paying a contractor through the precept. Please don't use weedkiller when weeding public spaces. Weedkiller products can only be applied in public spaces by an authorised and qualified operative and we are asking for volunteers, so mechanical means only.



## 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](mailto:vicar.ncw@gmail.com)

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

ALL ARE WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER SERVICES

Sunday 1st 9.30am

**Sunday 8th 9.30am**

Wednesday 11th 10.30am

Sunday 15th 9.30am

Sunday 22nd 9.30am

**Sunday 29th 10.00am**

Lay Led Morning Prayer:

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

BCP Holy Communion

Lay Led Morning Prayer:

Common Worship Eucharist

**Mission Community Eucharist at Coldridge**

*With blessing of shoeboxes for South East Europe and Ukrainian refugees*



Sunday 12th November—Remembrance Sunday Service, 9.30 a.m. in Church, 10.45 a.m. on the Church Green

### A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

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



Preachers for October:

1st October - Sir Roy Sambles

8th October - 4.00 p.m. Sharing Loss and Hope Service

15th October - Merrill Archer

22nd October - All Age Service

29th October - David Bulley

5th November - Mervyn Burd

### 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.*



## NOTICE TO 'A LAPPFORD RESIDENT'

We are unable to publish anonymous letters and your submission did not fall within the criteria of our Editorial Policy. Unfortunately due to no return details we have no other way to inform you of the situation

The issues raised are not the concern of the Lapford Lookout and we respectfully suggest you take your concerns directly to the relevant parties.

**The Editorial Team**



## DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

### October

- 5th CPR Training Sessions begin in The ARK
- 8th Harvest Festival Service, 10.00am
- 10th Lapford Gardening Club, Talk by Alison Bockh on Garden Design, The ARK, 7.30pm.
- 14th Volunteering Day, Orchard Centre, from 10.00am
- 17th Lapford Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
- 19th Ladies of Lapford visit The Little Red Hen Studio and Pottery, meet Orchard Centre car park at 6.00pm
- 19th Lapford Over 60 Club, trip to Plymouth Gin Distillery
- 21st HOLD AGM, Victory Hall, 2.30pm
- 26th Lapford Over 60 Club, talk by David Garton, The ARK
- 28th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00am-1.00pm
- 28th Cllr Steve Keable Surgery at Village Market, 10.00am 11.00am
- 28th Parish Councillor in attendance at Village Market, 10.00am-11.00am

### 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
- 11th Draw for the Dancer, The ARK, 11.30am
- 12th Remembrance Sunday Service, 9.30am in Church, 10.45am on the Church Green
- 14th Lapford Gardening Club, tba
- 14th Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 16th Ladies of Lapford, Talk on Driving Safely
- 23rd Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas shopping at Clarks
- 25th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00am-1.00pm
- 25th Cllr Steve Keable Surgery at Village Market, 10.00am 11.00am
- 25th Parish Councillor in attendance at Village Market, 10.00am-11.00am
- 30th Lapford Over 60 Club, meeting, The ARK

### December

- 1st Christmas Fayre open evening, The ARK, 6.00-8.00pm
- 2nd Christmas Fayre in The Ark, 10.00am—1.00pm
- 6th Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas meal at The Waie Inn
- 12th Lapford Gardening Club, Social, 7.30pm
- 16th Christmas Fayre in The Ark, 10.00am—1.00pm
- 19th Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

**Please send your Dates to Lookout For  
to [lapfordlookout@gmail.com](mailto:lapfordlookout@gmail.com)**



## LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome

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



## DRAW FOR THE DANCER

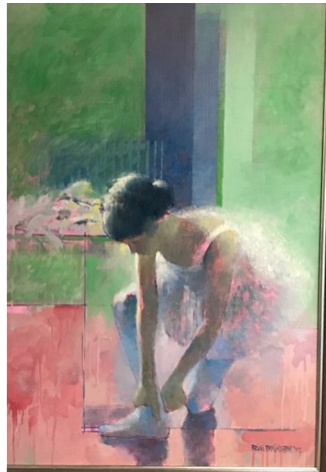
Painting kindly donated to raise money for Ukraine relief.

The painting is on display in The ARK and draw tickets are available from there.

Other prizes have been donated to benefit Lapford Revel funds.

The Draw will take place at The ARK on Saturday November 11th at 11.30 a.m.

Be there to enjoy coffee/ hot chocolate and lovely cakes from 10.30 a.m. ahead of the draw taking place.



## THANK YOU

Ian and Kate would like to say a big thank you to all our friends for their kind gifts and cards, and for being there with us to celebrate our special day.



Regards.

**Ian and Kate Wilkie**

## RED DEER RUTTING SEASON IS UPON US

I thought I would write a short letter reminding everyone that it is that time of the year again when you may be able to hear Red Deer 'roaring'. This is because it's the rut!

Keep safe while listening, preferably stay in cars with the windows down.

Don't think that if you are walking on a footpath (in the countryside) that stags won't chase you or your dog because they may.

Have fun.

**Pat West**



## **GEORGE TUCKER RECALLS GROWING UP IN THE VILLAGE OF LAPFORD, NEAR CREDITON**

(Published in Devon Today December 2006)

I was born at home in Lapford, where I still live, in 1928 and I'm the third generation of my family to live in the village. We lived at Blackberry Gate, which is a house at the top of the village, built by my grandfather, Tommy. Some of the building materials came from some cottages across the road which had burnt down.

Lapford was a lot smaller then, and everyone knew everybody else. There were a lot more shops in the village, with two baker's shops, a butcher's shop and a post office. Now there's one shop and a garage at the bottom of the village on the main road to Barnstaple.

I went to Lapford School until I was 14. When it closed a new one was built in the village, on Eastington Lane. I went there to finish my schooling, and it's now the village primary school. In my day, the children who went away to school went to the grammar school in Crediton, but I stayed in Lapford. It was very nice, just an ordinary school.

We made our own amusements in those days. We made our own go-karts and would race them through the village. You couldn't do that today, but there wasn't very much traffic then.

At Christmas, everyone went to church so it was quite a sociable occasion, but you didn't get as many presents as children do today. I remember getting oranges, but not much else. We used also to keep our own geese in the garden and we grew most of our own vegetables. We used to have a goose for Christmas.

One Christmas we had a goose that wasn't big enough to eat, so we kept her and called her Lucy. She used to follow my younger sister around. By Easter, she was big enough so we all ate her - apart from my sister.

When I left school, I worked with my grandfather and father as a builder. My grandfather had his own firm, Tommy Tucker & Sons, and I worked there until the 1960's. It was quite hard work, but mostly local. We used to have a pony and cart. The pony was called Topsy, and he lived in a field down the lane. Later on we had the first lorry in the area. After my grandfather died, the business was run by my father and my uncle. After they retired, I worked for a chap called Kitch Pike, who still lives in the village. I also did some carpentry and plumbing work.

I became a bell ringer at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in the village before the end of the Second World War. I took it up because they were short of ringers. The bells weren't allowed to be rung during the war because of the fear of invasion. The bells would only have been rung as a warning if the enemy had landed, so I learned to ring them with the clappers tied to muffle the sound. There were two or three of us learning the ropes at that time.

There were a lot of dances at the village hall during the war, and after, and a big party when the war ended. There was a searchlight post in the village, and during the war the village hall was used as a mess. If a German plane came over, they would put the searchlight on. I can remember hearing the Exeter Blitz in 1942. My mother's father was in hospital in Exeter when that was going on, and she was very worried.

I stayed at home until my mother and father died.

### **GEORGE, BY MARGARET TUCKER (SISTER IN LAW)**

George was a very dear brother-in-law. He was born in Lapford, and had an elder sister Margaret, brother Edwin Ted, and younger sister Beatrice. I have happy memories of holidays we shared in Italy, southern Spain and Sand Bay, Weston Super Mare. We once went to America, and George had a great time in the Casino in the hotel. He was lucky and won enough on the slots to buy himself two new shirts in a shopping outlet! He came in almost every Sunday until Covid to lunch with us. We were all very close. He really loved my great grandson Jack and grandchildren Ian, and Jessica. He loved children.

He went to the Primary School in Lapford, leaving I think when he was 14, as it was back then, and worked first for the family firm Tommy Tucker and Sons (Tommy was his grandfather), then for Kitch Pike until he retired. He learnt everything in the building trade, bricklaying, plumbing etc. He was very, very skilled. He was a great gardener, tilling many runner beans and veg on the Plat, opposite Blackberry Gate.

The Church played a great part in his life, going back to when Revd David White, was there and before. He was, I believe, a church warden. He was a bell ringer, from about 12 years old, and he and mother used to organise the annual ringers' trip (I used to type out their itinerary). Ringers David and Stella Drew were great friends with him. He was the ringers' captain for many years. Besides winding the clock on the church until it went electric, he also always hung the flag on the bell tower, plus he used to cut the church grass until his knees gave out and he could no longer do it, or get up the tower. He also dug the graves for Andy White.

After Blackberry Gate was sold, we helped him to find the bungalow in Prospect Way, and went with him to buy his new furniture. We organised his 90th Birthday which we held at our home. We invited his relations, and a number of his old friends in Lapford including Canon Michael and Sandie. He also played in a local skittles league and darts as well.

He had two nephews, David Smith and Richard Webb. We shall miss him so much.

Out of respect for George the village bells that he rang for 75 years were sounded half-muffled for his funeral and the flag he had so often raised was flown at half-mast.

## SOUND FINANCIAL ADVICE?

What happened when the cat swallowed a coin?  
There was money in the kitty.

Don't marry for money;  
You can borrow it cheaper.

What leads most people into debt?  
Trying to catch up with people who  
are already there.

Money isn't everything . . . .  
But it sure keeps the kids in touch.



## (WILLIAM) GEORGE TUCKER 1928-2023

For decades George Tucker was part of the fabric of Lapford, providing services for the village week in, week out. Things that went unthanked. Things that went unnoticed. He never sought recognition. He happily, unassumingly got on with the job, and he liked it that way. But George's quiet passing should not go without a word of praise and gratitude.

So, thank you George ...  
for the years of mowing and tending the churchyard;  
for the 75 years of service you gave as a bell ringer;  
for the thousands of changes that you called as tower captain;  
for the hundreds of weekly ascents to oil the bells, 'til your knees could take no more;  
for the sweat you exerted winding the clock and keeping it accurate to the second (Lapford's time was your time);  
for raising the church flag for decades of village festivity, royal ascensions and times of national mourning;  
for the tonnes of soil you shifted giving villagers a last resting place;  
and, for the thousands of bricks you laid and your hand in building the village we know today.

David Garton



George pictured after captaining Lapford bell ringers to a competition victory in 1998.

## DISPLAY IN THE ARK

The next display in The ARK will be about the First World War.

It will go up on 5th October.



When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life that you have a million reasons to smile and to be thankful for. Stay Strong.



## Lapford Weather Review

### LAPFORD WEATHER AUGUST 2023

Overall the monthly temperature remained close to average, a little cooler by day and a little milder at night than the norm. Rainfall was two thirds of average.

The warmest day was the 23rd with a maximum of 25.0°C and the coolest was the 27th with achieved 15.8°C. The coolest night was on the 25th with a minimum of 9.1°C. The lowest grass temperature was 3.6°C on the 6th.

Total rainfall was 51.6 mm, the wettest day being the 30th with 10.8 mm.

The windiest day was the 18th with a gust of 31 m.p.h.

Andy Epstein



## LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW

### The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules is an incredibly quirky, humorous and warm-hearted story about growing old disgracefully – and breaking all the rules along the way! 79-year-old Martha Andersson dreams of escaping her care home and robbing a bank.

There are five friends living in a care home in Stockholm. They become increasingly unhappy with their care as the care home make 'cut backs'. While watching TV one day, Martha sees a programme about the prison system and decides that the lives of prisoners is far more cushy than the life in the care home.

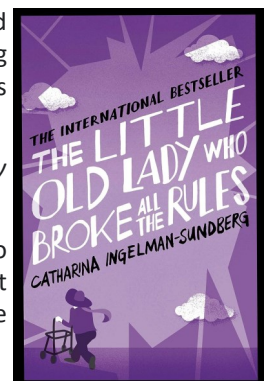
So she persuades her four friends to commit a crime with the aim of ending up in prison.

They start by staying in The Grand Hotel for a few days while planning their crimes, after the care home this is the height of luxury!

Their crimes are ingenious and mostly well thought out.

Our book group were divided as to how much they enjoyed it, I thought it was fascinating and had to read to the end to see what happened!

Jane Epstein





## 2023 POPPY INSTALLATION

The installation of knitted poppies will take place at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 30th October.

If anyone would like to help, please feel free to just turn up on the day.



Lapford Project 2000

## LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES, JULY 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](http://www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk) and on the notice boards in the Orchard Centre and in The ARK.

The Parish Council met on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Orchard Centre. These notes summarise the issues discussed in the meeting.

The Post Office attendance times in the Orchard Centre were to reduce, with no visit on Wednesdays and starting later on the other two days (Monday and Friday) with hours being 9.30 to 12 noon

A Lapford Neighbourhood Plan was to be started and the whole community would be invited to take part.

The requirements for making the Orchard Centre more suitable were agreed, involving extensive Fire Regulation and other Health and Safety work and the outside was being painted with a new sign installed.

A Lapford Facebook information page had been set up and was already getting favourable feedback.

## LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES, AUGUST 2023

The Parish Council met on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the Orchard Centre. These notes summarise the issues discussed in the meeting.

The Orchard Centre public toilet would need to be locked overnight for the future, in order to counter vandalism. The precise arrangements still had to be decided, but a timed lock was being considered.

The red Telephone Box is to be left where it is and reutilised as a book exchange point/swap shop, perhaps in conjunction with The Ark. Details still had to be arranged.

A letter would be sent to the County Council Highways Director offering a possible solution to the Highways repairs needed over the bridges. The reaction to this would determine whether the matter would be taken further.

The Neighbourhood Plan process had been started with the plan area being advertised currently. Assuming that this was accepted, the next stage would be to arrange a public meeting inviting anyone with an interest in being part of it.

A Lapford Volunteering Day would be arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, which would again be open to all to take part with the potential for bacon sandwiches and tea for the workers.

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Phone: 07768 829511

## LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)



Thursday 19th October

Ladies visit The Little Red Hen Studio & Pottery at Wembworthy

Come and join us to try your hand at throwing a pot.

Meet at the Orchard Centre car park at 6.00 pm for lift sharing

16th November

Talk on Driving Safely

More details to follow

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO GET INVOLVED IN THE ROAD WARDENS SCHEME AND THE SNOW WARDENS SCHEME



### DUTIES OF ROAD WARDEN VOLUNTEERS:

- Pothole repairs
- Repairing finger posts
- Cleaning signs
- Cleaning drainage
- Cutting hedges
- Cutting grass
- Clearing weeds
- Set up road closures for special events

### DUTIES OF SNOW WARDENS:

- Ordering grit supplies
- Keeping a register of local trained volunteers
- Receiving and responding locally to weather alerts
- Organising and deploying volunteers to clear snow
- Organising and deploying volunteers to spread grit when icy conditions are forecast
- Encourage responsible use of grit/salt and help minimise the abuse of grit/salt within communities

### DUTIES OF SNOW WARDEN VOLUNTEERS:

- Spread grit
- Clear snow
- Refill grit bins and bags

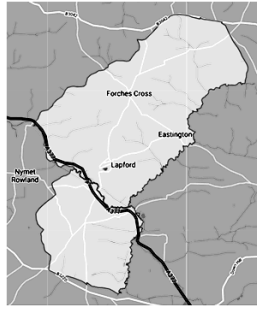
### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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## LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL - LAPFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Lapford Parish Council is looking to the whole community to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan and is looking for volunteers to help with this. To avoid confusion, the explanation of what this can do is laid out below.



### WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a legally binding Planning Document which determines planning policies just for Lapford.

When Planning Applications are considered it sits alongside the Mid Devon Local Plan and influences the decisions made by the district council.

It has to comply with some basic rules, but within that a Neighbourhood Plan can seriously affect the future of the community in the following ways,

- Environment & Biodiversity including Climate Change
- Jobs, Businesses & Enterprise
- Open Space Protection
- Sports & Play Facilities
- Village Facilities
- School
- Highways, Buses and Trains
- Housing Allocations & Affordable Housing
- Local Characteristics
- Assets of Community Value

In order to enable the community to help provide improvements, a **Community Action Plan** will be developed. Funding for some of this can come from potential future developments using,

- Section 106 funds, negotiated through Mid Devon District Council, and
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – 25% of CIL collected from developments within its area result from having a made Neighbourhood Plan in place.

There is a lot of work involved and a great deal that can be achieved, so please think about what you could add to the story.

The Parish Council will shortly be announcing the date for a public meeting to explain further what is involved and how everyone can help.



## HIGHWAYS, POTHoles AND STUFF

This is a summary of a recent meeting between Parish Councillors, Steve Tucker (Area DCC Highways Officer), County Cllr Margaret Squires and District Cllr Steve Keable. A number of points relating to the state of local roads and other matters were raised as summarised below:

- The Highways budget is now held centrally so each area officer must bid/argue for revenue for their areas. Those arguments are put up against each other to decide priority.
- All roads are inspected annually, and defects logged on the system. A roads and gritting routes are inspected monthly.
- A trial is to run where Area Officers can log defects via an iPad as they spot them, rather than relying on the same system of reporting as used by the public.
- Policy is centred around saving money versus the priorities and logistics of repair work.
- Identified defects on A roads and gritting routes should be made good within 24 hours; within 6 weeks on minor roads.
- Roads are categorised as 1 – motorways down to 12-green lanes.
- A road defect must have a 40mm lip and a pothole must be at least 300mm wide to qualify for repair.
- The road over the bridges coming into Lapford from the A377 has no dedicated footway and is therefore categorised as a carriageway rather than a pedestrian route.
- Steve Tucker has put all the defects in Lapford's roads between the A377 and Barris Corner into the system for repair twice. The request has been rejected twice but he will continue his efforts.
- The steep drop from the A377 to the river on the left hand side travelling towards Crediton which was exposed by the removal of trees some time ago is considered safe as there is no recorded data to indicate otherwise.
- Other matters discussed included the lack of fencing by the river bridge, flooding across the A377 causing icy conditions in winter, water leaking from manhole covers, and the need for more grit bins.

As a result of this meeting the Parish Clerk has written to Meg Booth (DCC Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport) re the state of the road over the bridges and the urgency for repairs to be put in place.

A fuller version of this report can be seen on the Parish Council website in the Supporting Papers for the August 2023 meeting.

To report road defects online visit the DCC website Road and Transport page, open the Report a Problem page and follow the links. In an emergency phone Customer Services on 0345 155 1004.



Lapford Parish Council

## LAPFORD OVER 60'S CLUB FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Thursday 19th October 2023 - Trip to Plymouth Gin Distillery. Coach price £17 per member, £20 per non member. Tour of the Distillery is £15.

Thursday 26th October 2023 - Club meeting in The ARK, talk by David Garton on More Lapford.

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.

Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Lapford Over 60s Club Christmas Meal at The Waie Inn.

## CREDITON U3A



After a most peculiar summer, perhaps it's the time to go out and try new things, explore new places and meet new people so why not give the Crediton u3a a try?

Over the coming few months we have a series of talks arranged at the Boniface Centre. They all start at 10.00 a.m. and the cost is £1.50 which also includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

On Oct 18th there is one giving "The Story of Tin Pan Alley" and on November 15<sup>th</sup> a talk on the "Life & Times of Galileo". Our Christmas meal is at the Waie Inn on December 20<sup>th</sup> and on January 17<sup>th</sup> there is a talk on "Refugees & Asylum Seekers in the UK". Why not come along, have a listen, and see if any of the other activities that we have groups involved in, are of any interest to you. We always have details of all the other activities that we run available at the back of the hall and someone will only be too keen to talk you through the opportunities available. The other activities that our group supports are:- Bird watching, Book discussions, Boules in the market square, Carpet Bowls in the Elephant on the Green, Visits to churches and historic buildings, various craft groups, coffee mornings, current affairs, cycling, energy action, creative writing, exercise, history, several walking groups (different lengths), poetry discussion, mindfulness, theatre or cinema visits, two pub lunch groups (Friday and Sunday), ukulele playing, whist, walking with dogs and wine appreciation.

We are a very friendly organisation open to all who are retired or not in full time employment, do not be put off by the name, there are no qualifications required to join other than an enquiring nature and desire to perhaps get about a bit more and meet new friends.

We are always open to new groups so if you have a particular interest that is not included in the above and are looking for more like-minded people to join with you in pursuing it come along and join the u3a and perhaps start a new group yourself with the support of the organisation.

The current cost of membership is £12.00 per year. Most of the activities are free with only some small costs involved if the activities are held somewhere which involves a cost of hire of the venue and any costs of materials used in the activity or of course the costs of the meals for the pub lunch groups.

## LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

Did you come to view the exhibits at the Autumn Show? If not you certainly missed a spectacular variety of entries testament to the interests of our Club members. To pick just a couple, the tomato classes were well supported, and next year we shall include a class for outdoor grown ones as many of our members do not have access to a greenhouse.



On the craft side, the transformation challenge using denim produced a number of inventive items, as did the pin cushion. Perhaps this will inspire more entries to the 2024 Show, which is open to all villagers, not just to Garden Club members. Rumour has it that the schedule will also include a baking class for men only and one for sloe or flavoured gin. So don't drink all your sloe gin at Christmas. Thanks again go to Warren and Rachael for all their hard work putting the Show together.



Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday and are open to all, not just members. From October we will return to The ARK; and we welcome

**Alison Bockh**  
to talk about  
**Garden Design**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at**  
**7.30pm**





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**THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK**

Putting others first.



Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit." Most people know about Isaac Newton's famed encounter with a falling apple; how he introduced the law of universal gravitation and revolutionised astronomical studies. But few people know that had it not been for a man called Edmond Halley, the world would never have heard of Newton. Halley was the one who urged Newton to think through his original theories, corrected his mathematical mistakes and formulated geometrical figures to help support his discoveries. It was Halley who persuaded a hesitant Newton to write his great work *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*. And it was Halley who edited and supervised its publication and financed its printing, even though Newton was wealthier and could better have afforded the cost. Historians have called Halley's affiliation with Newton one of the most selfless cases in science. Newton began almost immediately to reap the rewards of prominence, but Halley received little credit. He did use the principles Newton established to forecast the orbit and return of a comet that would later bear his name. But since Halley's comet returns only every seventy-six years, relatively few people still hear his name.

However, Halley didn't care who got the credit as long as the cause of science was advanced. He personified what it means to live by this scriptural principle: Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Anytime you get to put others first and yourself second, grab it with both hands and run with it. Notes from UCB Word for Today.

I guess you could say that's what The ARK is about - putting others first with the Foodbank and being a volunteer in the Cafe. It's important to remember too, that ARK stands for Acts of Random Kindness, helping where and when we can. We have been sending items regularly to Ukraine via a lorry that goes from Exmouth. Serving in the community doesn't always mean just locally, it can go further afield and, with the community's help, we can keep doing just that.

Seeing the good and talent in people, then encouraging that gift is so rewarding and we really don't always need the credit, if we've done our part. Just to see it develop is reward in itself.

**The ARK Team**

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We are looking for as many people as possible (no age limits) from the village to undertake CPR training, which includes the use of the Defibrillator.

Training sessions lasting no more than 90 minutes will be held upstairs in The ARK on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm. All you need to do is call or email to show your interest in this free training session where you will be shown how to help save the life of a friend, family member or any member of the public. The chance to be able to save a life is an amazing thing. This short training session will give you that chance.

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**THE LAPFORD VILLAGE MARKET**

I wonder if some people who have recently moved to the area are aware of the Village Market. It is usually held on the last Saturday of each month, from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. Occasionally that date is changed, when the Victory Hall is needed for another reason and there is no Market in December.

Stalls are provided for £5. We try to have a variety of stalls for handmade goods, crafts, plants, local meat, cakes, etc. It is not a Farmers' Market like the one in Crediton. There is very little that couldn't be brought to fill a stall.

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The weather has been against us recently but it would be great to have some new stall holders so there is a lot more variety.

THE NEXT VILLAGE MARKET IS  
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**Ann Trevaskis**



## FULL FIBRE BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY IN LAPFORD

Chance of ultrafast full fibre broadband for people living in the Lapford exchange area, including Lapford, Coldridge & Nymet Rowland. Openreach is urging residents in the Lapford exchange area to get behind a bid to bring ultrafast, ultra-reliable full fibre broadband to local homes and businesses.

If enough people pledge to sign up, residents will join more than 245,000 homes and businesses across Devon who already have access to full fibre broadband on the Openreach network. Full fibre technology provides more reliable, resilient, and future-proof internet connectivity, meaning faster speeds and fewer faults. Having ultrafast, full fibre broadband installed can add value to properties, which is more appealing for prospective buyers; both Rightmove and Zoopla allow house hunters to check online for broadband speeds at properties on the market. Residents can check if they qualify and pledge their voucher on the community website - <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity>.

Funding through the Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and the deployment of new broadband signal boosting technology, which can extend the reach of the full fibre network, means thousands more remote rural communities are now within reach of the ultrafast technology. Openreach identified the Lapford exchange area as being a strong contender for Full Fibre and is urging local people to take the next step by applying for and pooling together free Government Gigabit Vouchers to help fund the build. The project needs 240 homes and businesses to sign up.

Using the vouchers, which don't cost residents anything, enables Openreach to work with local communities to build a customised, co-funded network. The vouchers can be combined to extend the ultrafast, ultra-reliable network to premises in outlying rural areas which won't be covered by private investment. More details can be found on the Gigabit Voucher website - <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Once the target for the scheme is reached, residents need to ensure they then validate their vouchers with the Government so that Openreach can confirm that building work can get underway. Residents are asked to commit to ordering a full fibre service from a provider of their choice for at least 12 months once the new network is available and confirm they are connected. Openreach has an open access network, so customers can choose from a variety of broadband providers, including Sky, Talk Talk, EE, Vodafone, BT and others. The full list of broadband providers offering fibre can be found on the Openreach website - <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fttp-providers>

A team from Openreach will be visiting the area over the coming weeks and meeting with residents and handing out leaflets, to explain more about the scheme and the benefits.



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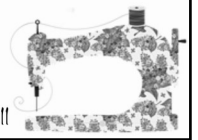
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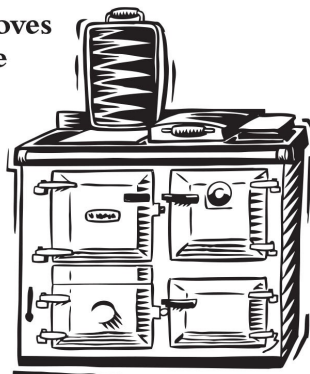
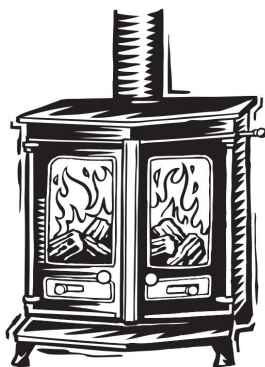
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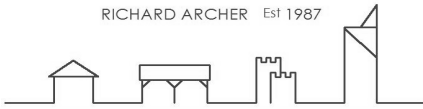
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Each clue consists of three words which have a fourth word in common.  
You must find the missing link and put it in the grid.



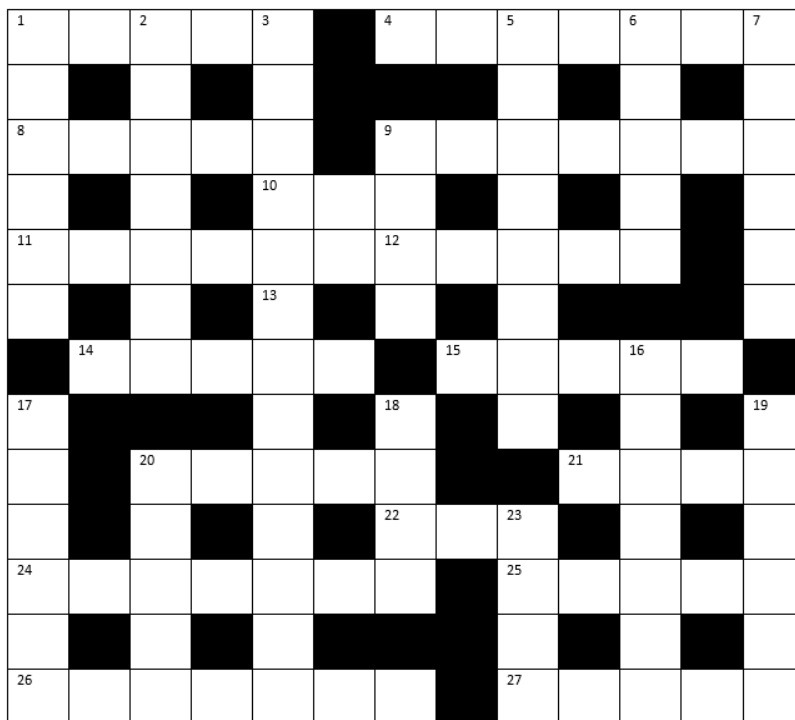
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Answers next month

### Down

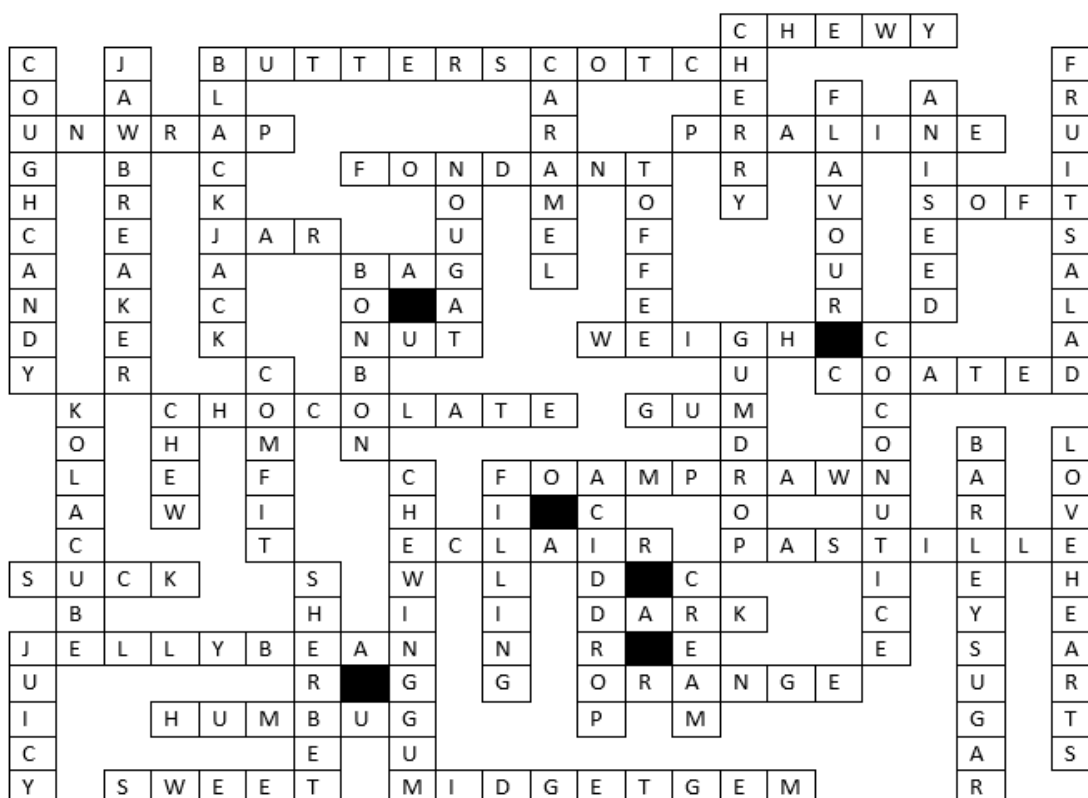
1. Nerve – Happy – Never (6)
2. Operating – Lecture – Company (7)
3. Control – Small – Bear (4)
5. Assistant – Computer – Trainer (8)
6. Question – Card – Hat (5)
7. Traffic – Fairy – Foot (6)
9. Mountain – Word – Bus (4)
13. Under – Clock – Way (8)
16. Provoking – Process – Second (7)
17. Travelling – Media – Act (6)
18. Straight – Hide – Cast (4)
19. Manager - Olive – Out (6)
20. Part – Egg – Two (5)
23. Temperature – Elbow – Bath (4)

### Across

- |                                |                                    |                                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Ordinary – Large – Film (5) | 12. Laughing – Market – Pile (5)   | 24. Director – Present – Good (7) |
| 4. Working – Letter – City (7) | 14. Heavy – Scrap – Base (5)       | 25. Grinder – Mouth – Sense (5)   |
| 8. Team – Pipe – Day (5)       | 15. Politics – Search – Garden (5) | 26. Keyhole – Hours – Brain (7)   |
| 9. Double – Meter – No (7)     | 20. Back - Over – In (5)           | 27. Safety – Stick – Test (5)     |
| 10. Front – Horse – Food (3)   | 21. Sliding – Next – Bell (4)      |                                   |
| 11. Bank – Sick – Pad (4)      | 22. Pressure – Guitar – Fresh (3)  |                                   |



## ALL ABOUT SWEETS - Answers to last month's puzzle



## THE PARSON & THE PORCUPINE



Tales of Lapford's infamous Rector, Jack Radford, have been recounted in numerous books and journals. It is widely believed that 'Parson Jack' committed at least two murders in the village. He got away with murder, but he did spend time in prison for striking a police constable four times in the parsonage yard, and also for attempting to knife a tollgate keeper who had refused him free passage. **But what was it that had ignited his rage?**

New research reveals the part that his father, Rev William Radford (Rector of Lapford 1779-1824) may have played.

*The Parson and the Porcupine* can be found in ten parts on lapfordhistory.co.uk (under Articles). It looks at the war of words exchanged in the 1820s between William Radford and one of the most famous men of the day, the satirist and political reformer William Cobbett (who wrote under the pen name of Peter Porcupine).

Go back to a time before Parson Jack, when the cure of Lapford souls was in the hands of a man labelled a blasphemer, a blaggard and a dealer in Billingsgate scurrility — a time when trampled down villagers began to fight back against the corruptness of the British system.

Cobbett's vehement outing of William Radford as a scoundrel begins a trail of investigation into the parson's troubles and temperament. Actions in the last years of his life may well have been responsible for igniting his son's anger ... and so began Parson Jack's notorious torment of Lapford.

## WITH LOVE FROM LAPFORD



In the early 1940's a soldier walked into Lapford Stores and purchased nine postcards of the village. He had recently been stationed at the military base in the village centre and was keen to write home to describe his new surroundings. He pencilled notes on the back of each card. More than eighty years later, the postcards still reside in Lapford (in the Village Archive). They provide a fascinating outside view of Lapford at a time before the village's post war expansion.

## CHESTNUT TREE

Those of you who have passed the Church Green and Village Hall in recent months can't but help to have noticed the declining health of the old Chestnut tree by the Melissa Lake shelter. It's bark is peeling; it looks most unhappy.

The Church Green Trustees consulted Tim Jarrett from Mid Devon District Council about the state of the chestnut tree.

Unfortunately the tree is dying and there are signs of disease. The Church Green Trustees believe the best thing to do would be to cut the tree down.

There has been a suggestion that the wood could be relocated to public land to decompose.

Depending on the state of the wood a sculpture or bench may be able to be made out of the wood. Please let the Church Green Trustees know your thoughts and suggestions.

Church Green Trustees

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Crediton Strummers 7.15 - 8.45pm

### WEDNESDAYS

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### THURSDAYS

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Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
10.00-1.00 PM**

**By special request there will  
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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
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Questions that may prompt memories:

- Do you have memories of wartime children evacuees in the village?**
- What was the best school memory you have?**
- Who was your favourite village character?**
- A famous event that happened in Lapford that you can remember?**
- Can you remember the cattle being driven up through the village?**


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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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## LYPFT THANKS

Despite the inclement weather there were still lots of bargains to be had at our second Car Boot Sale of this year in the Playing Field. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us - we raised £105 which will go towards equipment and ongoing maintenance.

Our events this year have generated £925, which is an excellent result, and we hope to do it all again next year, so watch this space!!

Thanks again.

### Roy Andrews, Chair, Lapford Youth Playing Field Trust



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