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From 10.00a.m. to 12.00p.m.
Lapford Congregational Church

Let's make a "HOST OF ANGELS"



COME AND HAVE FUN

We are meeting in the Chapel to make paper angels. We will 'fly' the angels and you will see your angel when you come to your School Christmas service, or the Congs' Carol Service.

There will be everything that you need to make at least one angel (we need lots) and we would love you to help us.

There will be free squash and biscuits to keep your creative juices flowing.

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SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

10.00 - 12.00

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Relishes, Christmas
Chutneys, Hamper
etc*



Draw @ 12.00

Christmas Carols on the Green

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Supported by
Lapford Handbell Ringers

Thursday
Dec 14

Lower Town Place
(Victory Hall if wet)
From 7.00 p.m.

Refreshments Available
Donations to Crisis at Christmas
Lapford Community Church



LAPFORD PARISH CHURCH
Christmas 2023

CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve
4.00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

10.30 a.m. Christmas Day

All welcome - Seasonal refreshments



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU TO:



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Sunday 3rd December 9.30am	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th December 2.30pm	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13th December 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP1662)
Sunday 17th December 9.30am	Lay Led Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th December 4.00pm	Crib Service
Monday 25th December 10.30am	Christmas Eucharist

Sunday 31st December 10.00am	Mission Community Eucharist at Nymet Rowland
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ALL ARE WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER SERVICES

Rev Robert John Gordon MA - RIP, 6th November 2023



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: lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/lapfordcongregationalchurch

Preachers for December:

3rd December	-	David Worden
10th December	-	All Age Service led by Merrill Archer
17th December	-	Merril Archer
17th December pm	-	Carols by Candlelight
24th December	-	Joining Crib Service at Lapford Parish Church
31st December	-	No service
7th January	-	Joint Service at Lapford Community Church



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets every Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Victory Hall
 4th Sunday of the month is Family Service
 Fellowship Group on Wednesdays 7.00 p.m. upstairs in The ARK
 Contact: Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666**
<https://www.lapfordcc.org.uk/>

Please visit our website for information about the Foodbank and The ARK. You will also find lots of information about Church activities and on-line services.

*All the Churches welcome everyone to any of their services and social events.
 We look forward to fellowship with you.*



FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers, advertisers and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support during 2023 and we hope you continue to enjoy this publication next year and in the future. If you have any comments or articles that you would like to submit for publication, please contact us in the usual way.



LAPFORD VILLAGE MARKET

Please note there will be no village Market in January due to the village pantomime.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Roy Trevaskis and Audrey McCormack for giving up their time and expertise to run the valuable CPR/defibrillator training in October and also to The ARK for providing the perfect venue. Everyone who attended came away feeling much more reassured should they ever need to put their skills into practice whilst, at the same time, wishing they never have to!



ANOTHER THANK YOU

Once again, I would like to thank all the wonderful Poppy Appeal Collectors, everyone who hosted a collection box on their premises, ordered wreaths, donated, counted, banked, or contributed in any way to this year's Poppy Appeal. The total raised so far is £2,254.47. As usual, this includes collections in Lapford, Coldridge, and Nymet Rowland but also (for this year only) collections at Chulmleigh Primary School and Chulmleigh Community College. Donations given at the Church service on Remembrance Sunday have also been included. The total will increase slightly when the amount donated via QR codes is added.

Thank you everyone.

Caroline Noon
Poppy Appeal Organiser



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome

lapfordlookout@gmail.com

Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:

6.00 p.m. on the 10th Dec. for inclusion in the Jan. issue



LAPFORD REVEL

Quiz—Advance Notice

The Revel Committee will be holding a quiz for Revel funds in the Victory Hall on the evening of **Saturday 17th February 2024**.

More details to follow in the next Lapford Lookout!



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

December

- 1st Christmas Fayre open evening, The ARK, 6.00-8.00pm
- 2nd Christmas Fayre, The Ark, 10.00am—1.00pm
- 2nd "Host of Angels" craft morning, Congregational Church. 10.00am-12.00pm
- 6th Lapford Over 60 Club, Christmas meal at The Waie Inn
- 9th Parish Church Xmas Fayre, 10-12pm at the Victory Hall
- 10th Copy deadline for January Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm
- 12th Lapford Gardening Club, Social, 7.30pm
- 14th Ladies of Lapford, Christmas Meal, Old Malt Scoop
- 14th Christmas Carols on the Green, Lower Town Place, 7.00pm
- 16th Christmas Fayre, The ARK, 10.00am—1.00pm
- 17th Carols by Candlelight, Congregational Church
- 19th Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 22nd Candlelit Carol Service, Nymet Rowland Church 6.30pm
- 24th Crib Service, Parish Church 4.00pm

January 2024

- 9th Lapford Gardening Club, No dig gardening.
- 14th Copy deadline for February Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 18th Ladies of Lapford, 7.30pm, The ARK, Fun and Games with nibbles
- 23rd Closing date for Lapford Parish Council logo competition
No Village Market this month.

February

- 14th Copy deadline for February Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 15th Ladies of Lapford, 7.30pm, Activity to be confirmed
- 17th Lapford Revel Quiz
- 24th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00am
Lapford's District Councillor and a Lapford Parish Councillor will be in attendance from 10.00-11.00am

Future dates to Lookout for

- 14th Mar Copy deadline for February Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 23rd Mar Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 14th Apr Copy deadline for February Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 27th Apr Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 25th May Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 22nd June Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 5th-7th Jul Lapford Revel
- 27th July Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 24th Aug Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 14th-29th Sept Mid Devon Walking Festival
- 28th Sept Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 26th Oct Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 11th Nov Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30
- 23rd Nov Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

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

LAST POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

2nd Class—Monday 18th December
1st Class—Wednesday 20th December



LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

The final meeting for 2023 will take place on

**Tuesday 12th December
7.30pm at The Ark**

Sandra is going to demonstrate how to make Kokedama and hopefully everyone can go home with their own moss ball of snowdrops.

To add to the fun, mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

**Next meeting
Tuesday 9th January 2024
No Dig Gardening**



LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Despite reminders given and assurances received, unfortunately we have not received the notes of the October meeting of Lapford Parish Council from the Parish Clerk. We hope to be able to include the notes of the October and November meetings in the January issue of the Lapford Lookout.

LAPFORD REVEL - Draw for Ukraine



Thank you so much to all those who contributed to this in any way: the artist's family for donating the picture of The Dancer, Devon County Show, The Malt Scoop, the Spar shop, The ARK and all those who donated prizes or sold and bought tickets. As a result, £300 will go to support aid to Ukraine and about £80 to Lapford Revel funds.

CHRISTMAS

It's midnight, and the quietness is broken by the first wailing breath of a new born baby. A traveller, asleep in the inn, stirs and turns over, pulling his blanket closer around his shoulders. A dog sits up and barks. A child calls for a drink of water.

It's midnight, and on a hillside outside the town only the sheepdogs have heard the cry. The shepherds are sitting around the campfire, talking and sharing a drink. They are tired and gradually their talk dies down. The hillside is still now. Still, like the town. It's midnight and things happen at midnight!

The silence is broken, by a very different voice. "Don't be afraid," the voice says. The shepherds were terrified. Don't be afraid! Don't be ridiculous!

The blanket of the night has been yanked off their backs and replaced by a vision of heaven only knows what and tells them not to be afraid! The angel continues, "I have good news for you and everyone else. Today the Saviour has been born." "Here is how you will know this is true. Go into town, look for a cowshed, look for a manger, there you will find the baby."

The next moment the sky was full of more angels, more light, more sound and songs the world won't hear the likes of again.

The shepherds hurry off, as fast as feet will carry them. Innkeepers are awakened, late night party goes stopped until the shepherds finally find directions to the place they have been looking for. The angels were right. And there he is - the baby, the sign.

What follows is a lot of hand shaking, back slapping, barking and baa-ing to boot. Then the shepherds rush off to share their good news with the rest of the town. They didn't fully understand what had happened, but they were sure of one thing. It was midnight, things happen. God breaks the back of night and calls forth a brand new day.

Through out the story of the birth of Jesus, a Saviour has come, bringing hope. God gives the lowest of all, something to be excited about. The song of the angels announces that a Saviour is born, born for those who haven't got it all together, to give joy and peace. Right at the centre of human reality and the daily struggles of life, Jesus is here. God with us. In the middle of the chaos, the mess, the laughter, the complexity of life, the wars and talk of wars, God is here. The unexpected takes centre stage and everything changes. If you think that Jesus is not relevant, it's very easy to miss him at Christmas.

The question for us all is: As he shows up in our busy distracted lives, will we notice him at all at this special time.

The team at The ARK thank you for your support over the past year and wish every one a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

The ARK Team






NORTH CREEDY CHORAL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
HOLY CROSS CHURCH, CREDITON
SATURDAY, 16th December 2023
at 7.30 pm

Christmas Cantata (Geoffrey Bush)
Festive Items and Seasonal Readings
Favourite Carols for Everyone

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Luke Taylor - Oboe
Peter Gilks - Organ & Piano
Richard Stephens - Conductor

Tickets: £10.00 Adults (Children Free)
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Lapford Weather Review

LAPFORD WEATHER OCTOBER 2023

Milder and wetter than average.

The warmest day was the 8th with a maximum air temperature of 24.0°C, the warmest October day I have recorded in the 26 years I have been keeping records. As in September, warm air from North Africa had drifted our way.

The coolest day was the 16th with a maximum of 11.1°C. The coolest night was on the 16th with an air minimum of 2.4°C, and a frost on the grass of -2.1°C.

After a dry start to the month which coincided with the warm weather, the rest of the month was wet. The total was 123.7 mm. The wettest day was either the 11th or 12th, the total for these two days was 35.9 mm.

The windiest day was the 2nd with a gust of 24 m.p.h.

Andy Epstein



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Residents' Survey 2023

Let's Talk Mid Devon

Tell us what you think about your local area and the services we provide



letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/residents-survey-2023

1 November to 13 December



CALLING ALL BUDDING ARTISTS, DESIGNERS, AND COMPUTER WIZARDS!

The Parish Council is looking for a logo/badge design to use on its stationery, website, posters etc which will reflect the character of Lapford and something of its history maybe.

Anyone of any age or artistic ability is invited to submit an original design by Tuesday 23rd January please. Entries should be totally original, monochrome or colour with the design clear and easy to reproduce. Please use A4 paper/card and any medium you choose. Clues as to what to base designs on may be found in the local landscape, buildings, and history. The village history website – Lapford history.co.uk – might be a useful source of inspiration.

Entries can be handed in at the ARK or given to any Parish Councillor and will be displayed in the ARK during February and March for people to see and indicate their preferences.

Lapford Parish Council

GRIT BINS

Three additional grit bins have been purchased by Lapford Parish Council and placed in locations not covered by those provided by the Devon County Council service. They are at the bottom of Kelland Hill, by the phone box in the centre of the village and towards the top of the village.



The grit should be spread as evenly as possible at the rate of a handful per square metre. Spreading it more thickly will not be as effective and will waste supplies.

As with the contents of all the other bins the grit is there for anyone to use in order to make the nearby public roads and pavements safer.

Please do not use the contents for spreading on private property. It is up to individual property owners to purchase their own grit/salt supplies for cold weather use.

Lapford Emergency Action Plan Team, Lapford Parish Council

TRUSTEES OF LAPFORD CHURCH GREEN NOTES ON THE AGM HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2023

- The Chair reported on a most successful year: a seat had been repaired, the bank restored, and the fencing renewed. The ARK had taken responsibility for the planters by the War Memorial. The Melissa Lake shelter was being restored/ repaired by her family. All who had contributed to these things were thanked.
- The accounts were accepted and showed a balance of £1227.19.
- Abi Whittaker, retiring Chair, was thanked for the energy and enthusiasm she had brought to the role and the delivery of the projects through the year.
- Officers appointed for 2023/4 as follows:
Chair – Steve Fletcher, Vice-Chair – Roy Andrews, Secretary – Sue Briant-Evans, Treasurer – Rob Martin (Parish Clerk).



DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? ASK A COUNCILLOR

A Parish Councillor wearing an identification badge will be present at the monthly Village Markets in the Victory Hall from now on. This will give an opportunity for parishioners to raise issues which the Council might be able to help with or to answer questions related to Council business.



Lapford Parish Council

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO A & S PAVING FROM THE LAPFORD EMERGENCY PLAN TEAM

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FLOODING ADVICE

During the recent heavy rains associated with Storm Cairán the River Yeo at Lapford peaked at depth of 3.08 metres, well over its normal range of between 1 and 2.3 metres. The measurements are automatically taken hourly at the river bridge over the A377 near the station. The highest depth recorded was on 19th December 1999 – 3.99 metres.

Although the flooding of Lapford's low-lying property is rare it can happen. To keep an eye on the river levels, without actually going outside to look, type check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/station/3098 into a search engine and the page for the Lapford Yeo recording station will come up with the latest state of the river level information.

For advice on how to prepare for possible flooding visit www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding There is more flood information on the Devon County Council website.

Lapford has a limited supply of sand and sandbags for use in an emergency. For more information please contact the Lapford Emergency Action Plan team (contact details at the back of the Lapford Lookout).

For a map identifying those properties most at risk of flooding see the Adopted Policies Map for Lapford available on the Mid Devon District Council website, or there is a copy on display in the Orchard Centre.

Lapford Emergency Action Plan Team, Lapford Parish Council

**IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT!
LAPFORD CORONATION MUGS
FOR SALE AT THE ARK**

£5.50 each. Limited number remaining!

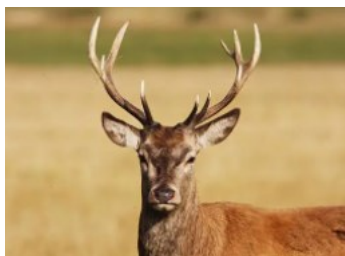


LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello all the readers of the Lapford Lookout, my name is Pat West and I wrote the letter reminding everyone of the rut of the red deer in the October issue.



I would invite people to write to the Lapford Lookout, if you have seen or heard the stags roaring. Actually, it's been a very different season this year. This is because the weather has been warmer than usual. Hinds only come in season during cold frosty weather so started rutting at the beginning of October but, much more, at the end of October and at the beginning of November. By mid November, some stags were still warding off the younger stags who were trying to take their hinds away. They didn't seem to be roaring, just running round after the hinds (trying to keep them in order). I think they had lost their voices!



Pat West



CREDITON ARTS CENTRE, DECEMBER PROGRAMME

- Friday 1st December
The Big Christmas Quiz £5 per head at the door 7.30pm
- Saturday 2nd December
Wes Anderson Film Special.
Fantastic Mr Fox (U), 3.00pm
The Grand Budapest Hotel (PG), 7.30pm
- Friday 5th December
Hauntings, Gerald Logan, Tickets £8/£10, 7.30pm
- Friday 8th December
Theatre, Twisted Christmas, Tickets £10/£12, 7.30pm
- Friday 22nd December
Solstice Live Lounge, Free entry, 7.30pm

**LAPFORD OVER 60'S CLUB
FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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



**PETITION TO GET ROAD RESURFACED ON
LAPFORD VILLAGE BRIDGE**

Last month I asked Lapford Residents to sign my petition. In just the first week 45 residents did just this. This is a reminder as the 'promise' to fix the bridge has not happened. This is what the petition says:-

"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

There is another petition to sign:-

Petition by Mid Devon District Council for highways improvement:-

"At a recent Council meeting your elected Mid Devon Councillors agreed to organise a Mid Devon District-wide petition that called upon Devon County Council to fulfil their statutory duty obligations under Section 41 of the 1980 Highways Act that requires them to maintain Devon's roads and to keep them safe".

Mid Devon District Council agreed to establish an on-line petition. The "Let's Talk Mid Devon" website has more information and is the place where you can add your name to the petition. Follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc5ndyeu>



Or use this QR Code:

DEVON BENCH ENDS

Approximately forty people travelled from far and wide to hear Dr. Todd Gray give a fascinating talk on Devon Bench Ends, a subject on which he is the undoubted national expert.

Dr. Todd Gray MBE has devoted his working career to the study of Devon's history. His passion for his adopted county is self-evident through his publications (48 books now) and in his lectures. He has written more widely on Devon than any other historian and is at the heart of its historical community. He is also an Honourable Research Fellow at Exeter University and has the Honourable Freedom of the City of Exeter.



His talk took us through a well-illustrated series of slides demonstrating the incredible variety of carved wooden bench (pew) ends found not only in Devon's churches, but also all over the South West. Those of Mid and North Devon have characteristics found nowhere else, they are carved from solid planks of oak and were made in a relatively short space of time during the latter part of the fifteenth century into the mid sixteenth, when they suddenly went out of fashion and boxed in pews became all the rage. There are a number of themes, some related to the Passion of Christ (leading up to the crucifixion), some are faces perhaps of local dignitaries, some are heraldic, some almost Celtic and some of a Renaissance design, these latter being peculiar to North Devon. Bench ends in Cornwall, Somerset and West Dorset tend to have their own themes. Dr. Gray thinks it likely that many of these carvings were produced by local craftsmen, who may have worked at several churches at the same time,



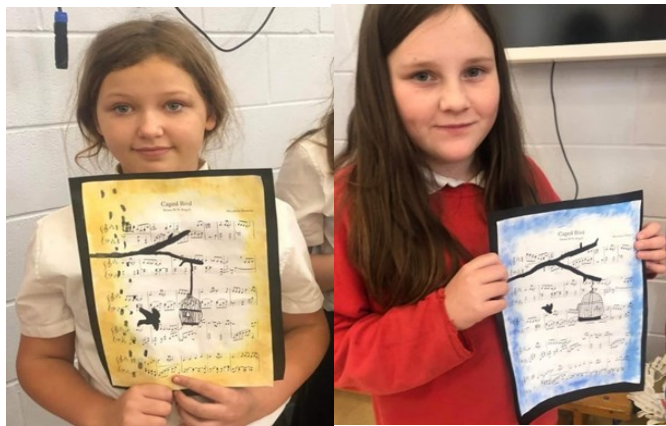
for instance Down St. Mary has some almost identical pieces to those at Lapford. Other craftsmen may have come over from Brittany, but records are scarce.

If you haven't already investigated, please do have a close look at Lapford's amazing, mainly unique works of fifteenth century art, and visit some of the other churches in the area, such as Down St. Mary, Burrington, Atherington, High Bickington and almost any other church in the district. This is such an unappreciated piece of our local history and culture.

LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Our first couple of weeks back after the Autumn half term have been all about remembering. We started the half term with a whole school focus on Black History following this year's Black History Month theme of Saluting Our Sisters. Children learnt why it is important to remember and celebrate the achievements of black women throughout history. Children in Robins learnt



about Ruby Bridges who was the first black girl to join a school in the US where previously only white children were educated. Skylarks found out more about Rosa Parks and her campaign for equal rights for people of colour; and Kingfishers found out about Baroness Floella Benjamin and the Windrush Generation. Herons found out about Maya Angelou and enjoyed learning about her poems. They created some beautiful artwork based on her poem 'Caged Bird'.

Our second week back was all about remembering men and women that have given their lives in conflict and learning why it is important to remember them. Children thought about the symbolism of the poppy and why we wear this as a mark of respect. On the 10th November the children walked to the war memorial to conduct a

short remembrance service. This was led by our oldest children from Herons and included each class sharing a snippet of their learning. Robins shared a poppy wreath they had made collaboratively with the poppies created from handprints. Skylarks shared a beautiful collage of Flanders Field as well as a poem which they had written together. Kingfishers had created individual collages of a poppy field and Herons had used the poem 'In Flanders Field' to create their own blackout poetry. It was lovely to be able to come together with members of our village community to remember and reflect.



Mrs J. Wright
Head of School

ART IN THE ARK

Book your space to sell and exhibit your artwork throughout December and January in The ARK

All artwork to be for sale, under £50, and made by local people.

We have limited space so only asking for a few wonderful pieces per artist.

For more information and booking contact Rebecca on:

07941 648087

or rebeccaholleyartworks@gmail.com



LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)

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

18th January 7.30pm, The ARK
Fun and games with nibbles

15th February 7.30pm
Activity to be confirmed

LADIES REVEAL HIDDEN TALENTS

Our meeting in October took us along country lanes to what appeared to be just a huddle of barns on the road between Wembworthy and Winkleigh. We parked, stepped out carefully in the dark, trying to miss the muddy puddles, guided only by torches and followed our host around the side of a barn wondering if this had been a good idea. Then, suddenly we found ourselves in an Aladdin's Cave of Crafting.

The Little Red Hen Studio is well worth a visit for anyone keen on crafts. Susan Manley says of her studio I wished 'to create an affordable and stimulating environment where people from the local community can happily explore their artistic talents and be supported in extending them as well as building social bonds'. She was prompted in part by her own realisation of how much the process of creating something can help people's mood. She has certainly succeeded; she has created this studio with its incredible range of materials, many recycled, which includes a pottery and firing facilities where people come together to have a wonderful time exploring their skills and finding new ones.

For us, it was the pottery we had come to try. We walked through an outer room, literally stocked to the ceiling with craft materials of every description, and passed tables set up with sewing machines and a weaving loom and entered the pottery. Here we settled at the table and were shown the balls of clay and tiles of clay that Susan had prepared for us. We were encouraged to just enjoy the feel of the clay and let our minds wander until an idea or shape came to us. Very soon the room became quiet, a sure sign that the ladies were concentrating. We had an array of tools which we could use and very quickly shapes began to emerge and tiles bore signs of decoration. Susan was on hand to suggest, help and encourage but gave us plenty of freedom to 'do our own thing'. On the shelves around us were an impressive array of works created by other artists, if we needed any inspiration. Some were waiting to dry out so they could be fired and some had already been glazed.



As well as moulding the clay by hand, we were offered an opportunity to try the potter's wheel. Most of us were already engrossed but one member gave it a try and created a very successful candle stick.

By the time we were ready to leave, we had lined up some decorated tiles, a woodpecker, a tortoise, a hedgehog, a characterful cartoon dog and a bowl or two. We had had the firing and glazing process explained and knew we had to let our creations dry out before they could be fired. Most of the group were keen to finish off their work once it was dry so we will be going back in due course.

We had a wonderful time and were pleased with our efforts. The studio makes very good use of recycled items and are grateful for almost

anything! There is a list of what they can use under The Little Red Hen Studio, Wembworthy on the internet and there is always someone there on a Tuesday between 11am and 3pm. Not only will they receive your donations gratefully but you will be welcome to try your hand at something while you are there, no appointment necessary, possibly a small fee toward running costs.

The studio is really worth a visit if you are interest in crafting or have 'stuff' you can't use and want to get rid of without just throwing it away. Oh, and just a word of caution; if you are visiting a friend locally and notice a new ornament, go carefully, they just might have made it themselves!

Sue Raffill



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Three courses £15.95



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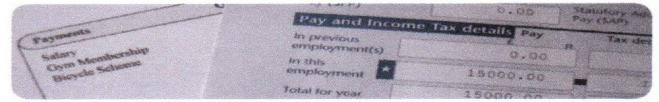
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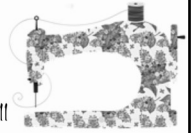
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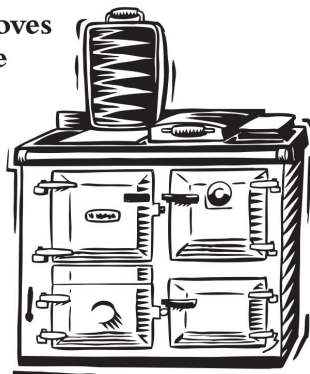
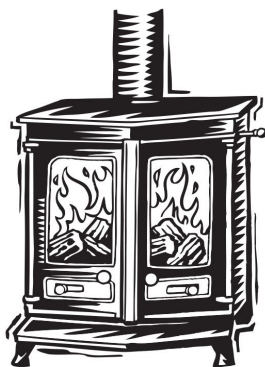
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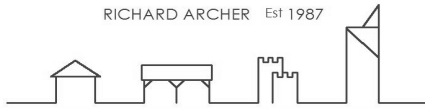
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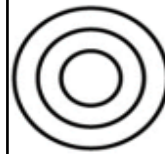


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The UK network is being upgraded and copper is being withdrawn. More details can be found here - <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/retiring-the-copper-network>

Some areas are more cost effective to replace than others, and government vouchers are provided to residents for the harder to reach areas that are more expensive. However these are optional and available to people who want to change to fibre. As this is an optional scheme, there is no guarantee that it will go ahead unless there is sufficient interest/pledges. In terms of what may happen next if we don't build, you may be given an alternative option from another provider, it may be fibre, it may be 4G, it may be something else - the difference is that choosing to pledge now puts the control into your hands rather than waiting for an alternative that you may or may not want.

"I'm told if I sign over the free voucher the Government will give, I will have to commit to either my existing provider or a new provider of my own choosing. Why would I sign up now when I have no idea what the cost will be in 6-12 months' time?"

To help with pricing, typically 100Mbs costs around £25-30 per month. We anticipate this cost reducing as time goes on and more residents sign up to fibre. You can check pricing with different providers by using this postcode - MK18 2HY.

"Will I be expected to pay to have my copper lines replaced by Fibre?"

No. If you sign up as part of the voucher scheme this allows up to £4,500 to be allocated per property and the pot to be 'spread around' the community. If we achieve sufficient pledges, there will be no additional costs for voucher holders. Non-voucher holders will still be able to order fibre when the network is built, but may be liable for any additional civil costs, if applicable to bring fibre into the property.

"We are in a remote area so our copper line takes a rather tortuous route. What happens if I don't sign and wait for the mandatory fibre rollout in 2025, could I wind up with an installation bill?"

There is no guarantee that you will receive full fibre by 2025, or that it will be Openreach that provides it.

"What about people who only have phone lines, will they need to buy broadband Internet?"

If you have any concerns about your current service, please contact your communications provider to discuss your options. You need to let them know if:

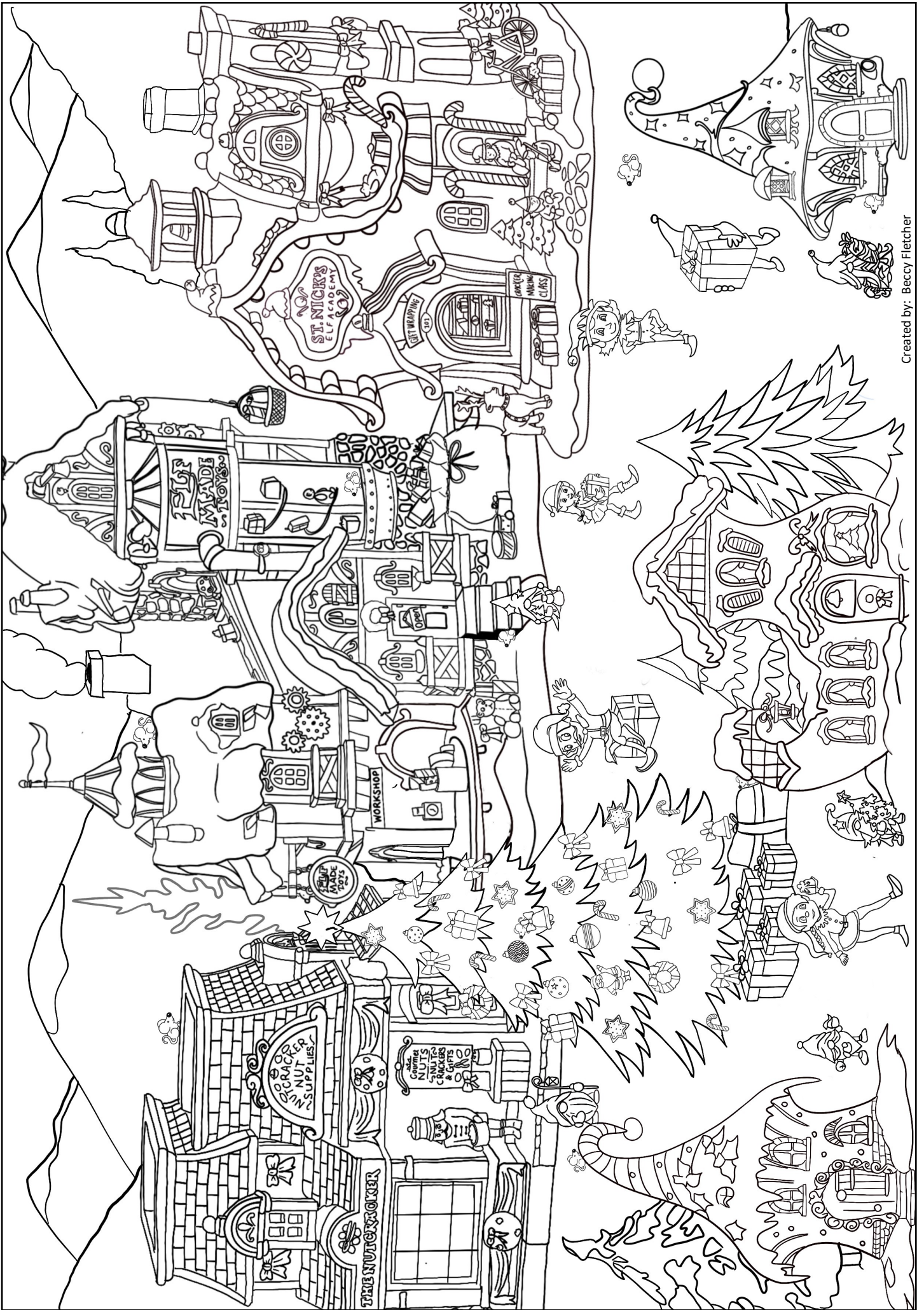
- You rely on your phone line for calls because you do not have a good mobile phone signal.
- You have personal care/alarm equipment connected to the phone line - they will not know unless you tell them.
- You rely on your phone line for health and / or safety reasons.

I've written up a lot more answers online, please see <https://bit.ly/3ZnCx2>.

philbridges@email.com
07990 563147

Phil Bridges





Created by: Becky Fletcher

Before you mock children who still believe in Santa, remember there are still adults who believe everything they read on Facebook.

ACTUAL BUSINESS SIGNS

On Maternity Room door: "Push, Push, Push."

On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

In a Podiatrist's window: "Time wounds all heels."

On a Butcher's window: "Let me meat your needs."

On another Butcher's window: "Pleased to meat you."

TEN REASONS SANTA CLAUS COULD HAVE BEEN A FARMER

1. He works all year, just to give his stuff away.
2. He's good with livestock.
3. He knows how to get by with the same equipment season after season.
4. He works outside, even in bad weather.
5. He's good with kids.
6. His wife is an excellent cook.
7. He could stand to lose a few pounds (see reason no. 6)
8. He's used to getting in and out of tight places.
9. He covers a lot of ground in a hurry when the pressure is on.
10. He takes care of the needs of the whole world.

HOLD

HEART OF LAPFORD DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

Annual Report and Accounts 2023

*Registered with the Financial Conduct Authority under the
Co-Operative & Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 as No: RS 007321.
Registered with HMRC as being for Charitable Purposes*

Chair's Report for 2022-2023 for Heart of Lapford Development Limited

It is with great pleasure and no little relief that I am able to begin this report on a positive note, with the various allegations by certain members of the previous Parish Council concerning HOLD, the Youth Club committee and the acquisition of Lower Town Place having now all been shown by a very detailed report from the Clerk to be completely without foundation. This took a lot of hard work in researching and collating all the necessary evidence and I wish to thank those involved for their unstinting efforts to establish the truth.

This in turn had led to a complete hiatus in relations with the Parish Council and it is again with pleasure that I can report that the new Parish Council, HOLD, the Victory Hall and the Church Green Trustees are now moving forward as one in providing and enhancing the community facilities in the heart of the village.

We are also pleased to welcome Cllr. John Burrows as the Parish Council representative on the Board.

Meanwhile Lower Town Place has been enjoyed extensively both by Lapford groups and individuals, the Youth Club has gone from strength to strength with children playing on LTP whenever the weather and light evenings permit. The space was used many times over the summer with open air plays and a very successful Revel restart attended by hundreds of villagers. As for the HOLD board, during this period it has continued discussions with the Victory Hall committee with a view to producing an amalgamated constitution which should bring both organisational and economic benefits to both organisations. In addition, new access doors in the Hall are planned to enable easier passage between the VH and LTP as well as other matters affecting both sites.

The Board had been looking at renovating the Devon bank between the Church Green and LTP in co-operation with the Church Green Trustees. Annual maintenance has been ongoing, including not only grass cutting but weeding and planting. Thanks to the volunteers who turned up on a very wet Coronation Volunteering Monday to weed and tidy up generally after the Coronation event the previous Saturday.

I am very pleased to finish on another positive note. Since April, with a new Parish Council elected, HOLD has been able to make significant advancements. The Devon bank work has been financed and completed.

Thanks especially to David Bragg and Abi Whittaker for this and to Derek Pleace for building such a beautiful wall. A new gate has been fitted and a path made between the CG and LTP, creating a footpath from the car park through to The ARK without the need to walk on the highway. The bank and the new access were formally 'opened' by the Chair of the Parish Council as part of this year's Revel celebrations.

A new joint constitution has been agreed by both the Victory Hall Trustees and HOLD and is ready to be reviewed by a solicitor specialising in charity matters so that the legal aspects can be checked and any possible unseen problems with the proposed document as drafted identified.

LTP is continuing to be extensively used by children and by the Youth Club; another open air play has been staged and a highly successful Revel. People regularly walk their dogs around the path and after an excellent campaign and video by the Youth Club we have seen the 'dog poo' incidents fall dramatically.

Lapford can now look forward to making the most of its public areas in the centre of the village.

Pete Norman, Chair, October 2023

HEART OF LAPFORD DEVELOPMENT LTD.

PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL 2023

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2023 (£)</u>	<u>2022 (£)</u>
TURNOVER			
	Fund Raising	0	92
	Grants (Parish Council)	2,667	0
	Donations	0	930
	Rents received (1)	310	640
	Gift Aid (2)	3,162	1,887
	Sundry	4	266
		6,143	3,815
OPERATING ADMIN EXPENSES	(3)	-2,030	-3,103
	Grants to Victory Hall	0	-500
		-2030	-3603
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS		4,113	212
RETAINED PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD		<u>4,113</u>	<u>212</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2023

FIXED ASSETS	Lower Town Place, at cost	382,500	382,500
CURRENT ASSETS	Cash at bank and in hand	9,581	5,468
CREDITORS: Amount falling due within one year		0	0
CREDITORS: Amount falling due after one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES		9,581	5,468
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES		<u>392,081</u>	<u>387,968</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	Share capital	9,600	9,600
	PCC donation	100,000	100,000
	Reserves	282,481	278,368
		<u>392,081</u>	<u>387,968</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

			£
(1)	Rents received	Victory Hall	0
		Revel	50
		Lapstock	120
		Use of LTP	140
			310
(2)	Gift Aid	2022	1,323
		2023	1,839
			3,162
(3)	Operating & Admin Expenses	Insurance	625
		Maintenance	700
		Hall hire	108
		Memorial bench	300
		Subscriptions	252
		Sundry	45
			2,030

Lapford Youth Club

THE DROP IN

LAPFORD VICTORY HALL

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH
FRIDAY IN THE MONTH

7-9PM

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

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LAPFORD YOUTH CLUB

High 5

THURSDAY

EVERY WEEK DURING TERMTIME

6PM - 7.30PM

For 7-11 year olds (KS2 primary)
Fun, Games, Craft, Friends
Only £1 subs
(Up to £1 additional money for tuckshop)





For more information email lapfordyouthclub@gmail.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram

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THE BOARD CLUB

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

COME ALONG FOR AN EVENING OF
FRIENDLY GAMING AND ENJOY
SOME OLD FAVOURITES AND NEW
TREASURES

NO CHARGE BUT A DONATION TOWARDS THE CHURCH AND
REFRESHMENTS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

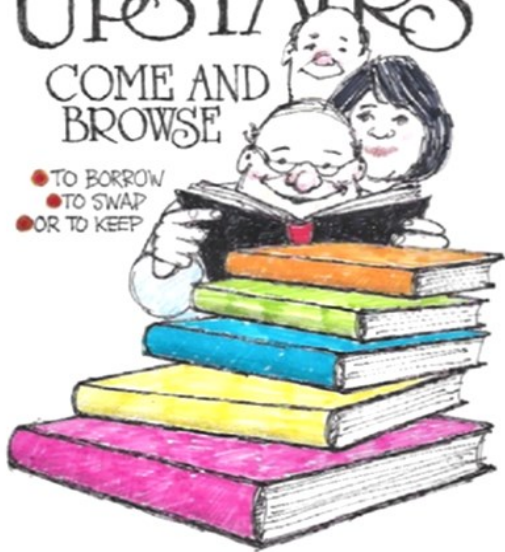


The ARK is open on
Tuesdays and Fridays
10.00am to 2.00pm
Arrangements can be
made for access at other
times

BOOKS UPSTAIRS

COME AND
BROWSE

- TO BORROW
- TO SWAP
- OR TO KEEP



POST
OFFICE

**LAPFORD OUTREACH
POST OFFICE**

POST
OFFICE

OPENING HOURS:

Monday 9.30 - 12.00
Friday 9.30 - 12.00

NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE



Donations can be made at
Boniface Centre, CREDITON,
on Tuesdays 30th January,
20th February and 26th March
from 1.10am-7.15pm
Or at Chulmleigh



on Tuesday 13th February 2024 from 12.50pm to 6.25pm

Call the donor helpline on 0300 123 23 23
for more information or to check for cancellations

Do something amazing - Give Blood!



**LAPFORD VOLUNTARY CAR AID -
WHO ARE WE?**

In the mid 1990's the Charity Commission announced that charities with an annual income of under £1,000 per annum should be dissolved if possible because they were too costly to administer. Lapford had six of these charities set up by benefactors in the 1800's and early 1900. They were intended for the poor of the Parish, one being to provide tools for a labourer and another to give each school child at Lapford School six pence at Christmas. The investments were sold raising the sum of £600 which was used to start the Lapford Voluntary Car aid for those who needed to go to the surgery but had no transport of their own.

This service enables residents to attend doctors' and dentists' surgeries within a ten mile radius of Lapford. We are managed by a small committee of six volunteers, and currently have ten volunteer drivers. The drivers are paid fuel allowances only, partially by the client, and topped up by LVCA. The LVCA money comes from donations, legacies, grants and fundraising events.

We serve surgeries at Chulmleigh, Bow, North Tawton, Winkleigh, Morchard Bishop, CREDITON (Redlands) and Witheridge. We also go to CREDITON Community Hospital and the Breast Screening Unit at Tesco Car Park, CREDITON. During the year 2021-22 we covered 4,800 miles over 277 journeys, proving that we are a very busy service – vital to the village of Lapford.

Although we have a bank of drivers, they are not all available all of the time, thus reducing our capacity to serve the community. If anyone would like to offer their services, please contact Grace on 01363 83178. This would be much appreciated by LVCA and by the residents of Lapford.

Thank you

**The Committee
Lapford Voluntary Car Aid**

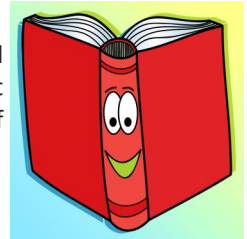


**LIBRARIES UNLIMITED
BOOKS ON WHEELS**

As you are probably aware, the mobile library van will cease to exist from the end of February 2024. If you have difficulty in accessing the library after that, you can apply to use the Books on Wheels service run by Libraries Unlimited. This will entail me choosing books for you (with your help) and delivering and collecting them on a monthly basis.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact the Library at CREDITON 01363 772578 or myself 01363 83525. This is a free service.

Peter Westcott



DEVON MOBILE LIBRARY STOPS



Lapford

Orchard Way: 13.45-14.55

School: 15.00-16.00

Nymet Rowland

Opposite Village Hall: 12.20-12.40

Every 4 weeks on Tuesdays

December 5th



LAPFORD'S DEFIBRILATORS

One is on the outside of
The Orchard Centre in Orchard Way

What 3 Words app location:
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Another defibrillator is located at Rose Removals
It can be found in the red telephone box in front of the
building, about 200 yards from the main gate.
(Pedestrian access around the side out of hours)



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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



- Emergency numbers ~ 999 or 112
- Childline ~ 0800 1111
- Churches House Action Team ~ 01884 255606
- Citizens Advice Bureau ~ 03444 111 444
- CAB Crediton ~ 01363 776210 (M, W, Th, 9-3)
- Crediton Ring and Ride ~ 01363 773303
- Crimestoppers ~ 0800 555 111
- Dog Fouling/Fly Tipping ~ 01884 255255
- Environment Agency Floodline ~ 0845 9881188
- Farming Community Network ~ 03000 111 999
- Gas Emergency ~ 0800 111999
- Highways (roads/lights/potholes) ~ 0345 155 1004
- Mental Health Support Out of Hours ~ The Moorings @Devon ~ Exeter: 07990 790 920 or Barnstaple: 07850 927 064
- NHS for non urgent medical needs ~ 111
- Patient Participation Group ~ Bill Graham ~ 01363 83047
- Police Non-emergency ~ 101
- Power cut ~ 105 or 0800 6783 105
- RABI 24/7 Support Line ~ 0800 188 4444
- RSPCA ~ 0300 1234 999
- Safeguarding concerns and Social Services ~ 0845 6000388
- Samaritans ~ 116 123, 01271 374343, 01392 411711
- SHOUT ~ Text 85258 for help from crisis volunteers
- Water leaks or burst mains ~ 0800 230 0561

LAPFORD WEBSITES

- www.lapfordhistory.co.uk
- www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk
- www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk
- www.lapfordvictoryhall.co.uk
- www.lapfordvillage.co.uk
- www.facebook.com/laofordparishcouncil



Lapford Voluntary Car Aid 2011

NEED TRANSPORT TO YOUR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT OR A PRESCRIPTION COLLECTED?

Lapford Voluntary Car Aid provides the residents of the village (including friends and family staying with you) with courteous, reliable, fully insured drivers to get you to your appointment safely and on time. Bookings can be made by telephoning Grace Hill on 83178. Current fares are as follows:

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

LAPFORD LOOKOUT



ADVERTISING RATES AND POLICY

Lapford Lookout has a circulation of 600 copies and the advertising of village events is free of charge. There is a charge for all other advertisements and current advertising rates, **payable in advance**, are:

- One eighth page: £7 per month.
- One quarter page: £14 per month.
- One half page: £28 per month.
- Whole page: £56 per month.

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

LAST POSTING TIMES AROUND THE VILLAGE



	<u>Mon-Fri</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Eastington Cross	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Woodland Cottage	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Industrial Estate	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Highfield	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Orchard Way	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Saxtons	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Morchart Road	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Copplestone	4.30 p.m.	11.15 a.m.

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

NAME OF SOCIETY	CONTACT	TELEPHONE / EMAIL
Adventure Gaming Books on Wheels	Mr Warren Clayburn Mr Peter Westcott	01363 83095 / wmclayburn@gmail.com 01363 83525 / pj.westcott@btinternet.com
Friends of Langannerie (twinning) Friends of Lapford Mill Friends of Lapford School	Mr Peter Henshaw Mr Alex Gater Mrs Stacey Lumsdon	01837 89070 / petehenshaw@yahoo.co.uk 07815 795918 / alex@lapfordmill.uk 07891 556884 / staceyannlumsdon@gmail.com
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Lapford Foodbank Lapford Handbell Ringers Lapford Hedgehog Rescue Lapford High 5 (ages 7-11) Lapford Gardening Club Lapford Lookout Lapford Over 60 Club Lapford Parish Church Lapford Poppy Appeal Organiser Lapford Project 2000 (LP2K) Lapford Revel	Miss Briony Clinch Mr Steve Munday Dr Nicola Perera Mrs Cat Seymour Mrs Trish Mumford Mrs Beccy Fletcher Mrs Carol Worsdell Mrs Joan Graham Mrs Caroline Noon Mrs Sue Briant-Evans Mr Mark Tanner or Mrs Sue Briant-Evans	01363 83788 07798 684225 / steve@themundays.org 07880 189805 01363 884432 / cathryn_seymour@outlook.com 01363 83911 / james@mumfordj.plus.com 01363 884211 / lapfordlookout@gmail.com 07368 860835 01363 83047 / jemg47@aol.com 01363 83863 / lapford.pao@gmail.com 01363 83763 / susanbriantevans@gmail.com Gryff_raven@hotmail.co.uk or 01363 83763 / susanbriantevans@gmail.com
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The Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury	Mrs Prue Lambert	01363 83150 / pruelambert@yahoo.co.uk

Art in
THE ARK
for
CHRISTMAS

Selling Exhibition
of original works by local artists
in The ARK over the
Christmas period.

★ Call in on Tuesdays or Fridays to
buy a unique Christmas present,
or a treat for yourself!

Priced at £50 or less.

Run by
Friends of Lapford Foodbank
all proceeds to the Foodbank

**Christmas
FAYRES**

IN THE ARK

**DECEMBER
2nd and 16th**
OPEN FROM
10AM - 1PM
By special request there will
be an evening opening on:

**DECEMBER
1st**
OPEN FROM
6PM - 8PM

We will be serving
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate
and Cake

Mulled Wine and Mince
Pies also available

Come and buy your
Christmas gifts, Christmas
Decorations, Cakes, Jams,
and Preserves

**FRIENDS OF ST.
THOMAS CHURCH,
LAPFORD**

CALENDAR 2024



**AVAILABLE
FROM
THE ARK
£10**



**In aid of
maintaining
the beauty
of the
church interior**

*The free use of these life sized Nutcrackers
is offered for any events occurring in
Lapford and surrounding areas.
If you would like to use them at
your event please contact Beccy
on 07791 989142 to confirm availability.*

*They also need names. Come and meet
them at local events over the next few
weeks for the chance to name them.*

**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**