

LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Year 28 Issue 3 March 2024



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU

All the Churches welcome everyone to any of their services and social events.

We look forward to fellowship with you.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

All are welcome—Refreshments served after services

Contacts:

Churchwarden: Joan Graham - (e) jemg47@aol.com (t) 01363 83047

Services:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays – Lay Led Morning Prayer – 9.30 a.m. 4th Sundays – Common Worship Eucharist – 9.30 a.m. 5th Sundays – See announcements on Church notice board

This month:

9.30 a.m., Lent 3 Service of Penitence and Faith
10th
10.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday - CHURCHES TOGETHER.
Traditional Lapford Mothers' Day Service with posies and Simnel Cake
13th
10.30 a.m. (Wednesday), Holy Communion (BCP 1662 Traditional form)

17th 9.30 a.m. Lent 5 Service of Penitence and Faith

24th 9.30 a.m. Palm Sunday CW Eucharist with Passion Narrative

29th 2.00 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross

31st 9.30 a.m. Easter Sunday Common Worship Eucharist

SATURDAY MARCH 30th

EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT - beginning at the VICTORY HALL - 2.00p.m.



LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Contacts:

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email: lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com

Services:

Services every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays

Preachers for this month:

3rd - Mark Perkins

10th - Joint Mothering Sunday service at Parish Church

17th - Merril Archer

24th - All Age Palm Sunday Cat & Youth

31st - Easter Sunday Merril Archer



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contacts:

Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666** https://www.lapfordcc.org.uk

Services:

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

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.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

There lots plans to commemorate this anniversary in Lapford on 6th June 2024.

Watch this space!



LAPFORD'S BIG HELP OUT

Saturday 8th June

Lend a hand. Make a change.



More details to follow

DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Free Art Workshops at The ARK for children and adults on Saturdays 9th & 16th March from 10-00 until 12-00 noon.

Materials supplied. Hot drinks available.

(Children to be accompanied by an adult please)



Come along for a fun and productive morning!

Lapford Project 2000 and Lapford Parish Council



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LAPFORD WEATHER JANUARY 2024

Cooler and drier than average - a fairly typical January with large fluctuations in weather type depending on which way the wind was blowing.

The highest temperature of the month was achieved on the 25th with a maximum of 13.4°C. The coolest day was the 13th with a maximum of 1.7°C. The coldest night was shared by the 18th and 19th of the month, both of which recorded minima of -5.9°C. The latter night saw the grass temperature fall to -11.0°C.

Total rainfall came to 83.0 mm. and the wettest day was the 21st with 17.8mm.

The windiest day was the 2nd with a gust of 57 m.p.h.

Andy Epstein



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome



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





DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

March

2nd Food Drive Jumble Sale, Victory Hall, 10.00am

3rd Crocus and Cream Teas at East Worlington, 1.30—5pm

6th Coffee, Cake and Conversation, The ARK, 10.30—12.00

9th Art Workshop at The ARK, 10.00-12.00

12th Lapford Parish Council meeting, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

12th Lapford Gardening Club, Why Orkney? The ARK, 7.30pm

14th Copy deadline for April Lapford Lookout, 6pm

16th Bimbo's Big Breakfast, Victory Hall, from 9.00am

16th Art Workshop at The ARK, 10.00-12.00

16th Bingo Night for Lapford School, Victory Hall, 7.30pm

20th Mid Devon District Council State of the District Debate

21st Craft at The ARK, 10.00-12.00

21st Ladies of Lapford, talk on driving safely 7.30pm

23rd Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00 Lapford's District Councillor and a Lapford Parish Councillor will be in attendance from 10.00-11.00am

23rd Lapford Litter Pick Day, Orchard Centre, 10.00am

30th Easter Egg Treasure Hunt, Victory Hall, 2.00pm

30th LVCA Musical Evening, Victory Hall, 7pm

April

14th Copy deadline for May Lapford Lookout, 6pm

16th Lapford Parish Council meeting, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

18th Craft at The ARK, 10.00-12.00

18th Ladies of Lapford, Drawing with Helen from North

Tawton Art Gallery, The ARK, 7.30pm

27th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

Future dates to Lookout for

14th May Copy deadline for June Lapford Lookout, 6pm

14th May Lapford Parish Council AGM, 7.30pm

Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00 25th Mav

6th June Commemoration of D-Day Landings

8th June Lapford's Big Help Out Day

11th June Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

22nd June Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

5th-7th Jul Lapford Revel

9th July Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

27th July Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

13th Aug Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

24th Aug Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

7th Sept Lapford Show, Victory Hall

17th Sept Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm (3rd Tues)

Sept Mid Devon Walking Festival 14th-29th

28th Sept Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm 8th Oct

26th Oct Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00 Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30 11th Nov

12th Nov Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00 23rd Nov

10th Dec Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

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

POPPY APPEAL UPDATE

I am now able to advise that the amount raised through the use of QR codes for the 2023 Poppy Appeal amounted to £15.00, increasing the grand total raised locally to £2,269.47.

Caroline Noon Lapford Poppy Appeal Organiser

A TALE OF TWO TORTOISES

Back in 1977, we lived in Romford, on the eastern edge of London, in a first-floor flat which had the use of the front garden. We couldn't really have any pets like a cat or a dog, but I remembered having a tortoise when I was a boy, and that seemed like a good start for our two young boys, aged 2 and 4, so we went and got one. In those days, pet tortoises were cheap and readily available. I built a small portable house for 'Ambrose', plus a low-level 'fence' so that he would not wander too far, and we moved him around to different parts of the lawn.

Imagine our surprise — and the bitter disappointment of the boys — when one day we found that both Ambrose and his little house had disappeared. Just in case someone found him, we reported the theft to the police and the local paper got wind of it. We still have the picture from the paper: two indignant looking youngsters and a nice little story below! Sadly, though, Ambrose never returned.

A few years later, by then in a house with an enclosed garden, we decided to get another tortoise – 'Ambrose II', of course!

And then, not many years after that, we moved to Lapford and Ambrose II came with us. Once again, in our front garden, at the top of our field.

He disappeared one day. His little house was still there, so we never knew whether someone had taken him or whether he had simply got out of his enclosure and wandered off (slowly!) down the field. We looked, of course, but couldn't find him anywhere.

When I am clearing undergrowth, I still wonder whether I might find him, nearly 37 years later. Tortoises do live a long time!

But then, there is an alternative possibility. Perhaps he DID wander off and perhaps someone found him? Although tortoises move slowly, he could easily have reached the outskirts of the Village before too long, and could now be enjoying life in someone else's garden! I wonder...

I started thinking about Ambrose again last autumn, when someone told me that they were thinking about getting their tortoise ready for hibernation. Could their tortoise actually be our old friend? I didn't ask at the time, but I think I would recognise Ambrose if I saw him again. He had some slight but distinctive damage to the front of his shell.

I am certainly not thinking of trying to 'reclaim' Ambrose, but if you have found or been given a tortoise any time since 1987, it would be really interesting to meet him when he wakes up from hibernation, and to try to guess whether he might be our old friend, all these years later!

Dave Taylor at Blackberry Lane 07792 592068 blackberrylane.co.uk@gmail.com

"Age is an issue of mind over matter."

If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Mark Twain

CHULMLEIGH FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March.

Katie Turley, a member of our club, makes a return visit and will bring us a demonstration entitled 'With Easter in mind'. The competition is 'an Easter plate'. Please come and join us.

Sue Bailey



LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)

Please come and join us in The ARK at 7.30pm

Thursday 21st March

Belinda will be talking to us about driving safely

Thursday 18th April

Drawing with Helen from North Tawton Art Gallery

We would welcome new members.

Come and join us!

There will be coffee and cake!

LADIES OF LAPFORD



January 18th saw what has become our now traditional post-Christmas meeting when possibly wanting to hang on to Christmas a while longer we bring board games, mulled wine, and nibble on post festive food goodies and hopefully fun spirit.

This year we were thinner on the ground in number- possibly because of winter bugs around and it was extremely cold outside - however nine was an ideal number to split into three teams to play Pictionary. Not the original game but a slightly more modern version and surprisingly no one had played before, there in lay a problem.

With glasses of wine filled and then topped up we set about mastering the rules of play and who would have thought that two hours could whizz by so quickly. We stopped play briefly for nibbles and natter and then one way or another - how many times did we need reminders of setting the egg timer - found we'd actually mastered rules and one game only. A good game though with camaraderie and humour.

February and March bring speakers to our monthly meeting, see the Lapford Lookout for details. We will get to hand out paper programmes should you need and fill in the cake rota.

You are most welcome to join us.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

By the time you are reading this, you will have received an important letter in the post enclosing a survey to establish Lapford's housing needs. This is the 'groundwork' for part of the Neighbourhood Plan for the village and will provide very important data on future housing requirements which, in turn, will also assist in the assessment of planning applications. It should only take about 5 minutes to complete, and it is really important that it is done. It can be returned by post, or completed online if you prefer.

and

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the survey, please contact Julie Down, Chair, Lapford Parish Council, 07756 363678, or julie.down@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk



Lapford Parish Council

We were delighted to receive an unsolicited email with the following comments:

"Thank you for everything that you and all the others do to produce the 'Lapford Lookout' and get it out to everyone in the village every month. It's such a brilliant local resource and nowadays it is so lovely to read all the news and reports and plans for future events and see how lucky we are to live in what is largely such a community minded place. (There are so many ordinary people - I'm sure all over the UK, and indeed the world - quietly doing extraordinary things in small ways, and trying to help and look after others who are struggling, but it's easy to forget that and get bogged down instead in the continual news reports of humans doing horrible things to each other)."

Thank you. Your comments are appreciated.

The Lapford Lookout Team

Readers can find more information about local road closures, diversions, etc online at:

https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/traffic-information/roadworks/live-roadworks-information/https://one.network/



Saturday 2nd March 2.00pm PaddleBoat Theatre present Framed

PaddleBoat Theatre Company presents a thrilling family whodunit with our distinctive fingerprints all over it! Expect music, puppetry, physical comedy and more.

Tickets: £14/£12

Thursday 7th March 7.30pm

The ever popular evening with sumptuous Sri Lankan food and scintillating soul jazz and boogaloo grooves from 'Brother Jack' Tickets: £25 from www.facebook.com/jazzonthegreenuk. Bar

Friday 15th March 7.30pm
FMB presents Daniel Kemish

Crediton welcomes his solo performance for a very special night. Book your tickets and prepare for a night to remember with songs that will stay with you forever.

Tickets: £12/10 Bar.

Full Details and Tickets see the CAC website.

THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK

I came across this item the other day and felt I wanted to encourage and bless all mums out there.



An old tired looking

dog wandered into a lady's garden. She could tell from looking at him, he came from a good home. He followed her inside, down the hall, lay down and promptly fell asleep. Two hours later, he went to the door and she let him out. The next day he came back, resumed his position, and napped for a couple of hours. This went on for a week. Curious, the lady pinned this note to the dog's collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap." The next day, the dog showed up with a note that read: "He lives at home with ten children – apparently he needs some quiet time. Can I come with him tomorrow?" Mums can probably relate!

Carla Barnhill, author of The Myth of the Perfect Mother, writes "I just can't do it any more. I can't keep trying to be SuperMum. I wasn't all that good at it to begin with, I've tried to be the perfect combination of devoted mum loving wife solid Christian and have failed miserably. But even if I had been able to put all that together, I'm not convinced any of us should ... we don't have to be impressive or follow some random rules about what motherhood should look like. Grace means we already matter to the one who matters most, our own good loving and grace-filled God. So lets drop the capes, put down our halos, retire our medals, and let ourselves be the sometimes flawed and the awesome mums God made us to be." UCB notes for Mothering Sunday.

Children don't come with instructions stuck on them and mums are not presented with the manual as to how you become a great mum. It's very much play it by ear, talking to other mums or asking their mums for advice. You could say trial and error.

You are a very precious group of ladies and should be truly valued, so on behalf of one and all, we all had a mum some where along the line. Thank you for always being there, for doing such an amazing job, for the love and care you show, even when we have left home and are making our way in the busy, scary world.

Thank you for being our mums. Have an amazingly blessed day.

The team at The ARK

VICTORY HALL TREASURES

During recent tidying up at the hall these came to light:



Cups won for the Best Kept Village Hall in the past.

The key presented at the Hall's opening ceremony in 1919.

The inscriptions on it read:

Presented to Major General Sir Arthur Gay KMCG, GB, DSO by the Architect Lapford Victory Hall Opening Day Dec 26 1919 Archibald Lucas F.S.I. F.R.I.B.A. Architect Exeter

The key and cups are now in the keeping of the Village Archive.



EAST WORLINGTON HOUSE – GARDEN OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Now that you've got that skiing holiday booked you can concentrate on the real get-away-from-it-all experience, the crocuses of East Worlington.

For reasons that defy the logic of inflation the price of a ticket to the garden remains at the same embarrassingly modest level as last year as we continue our efforts to divert money from your pocket to the caring charities of the NGS, and again you will also be able to pour cash into the coffers of the parish hall where the cream teas promise to overwhelm dietary restraint in a blistering array of calories.

Do please come and help us to raise money on both fronts. Don't forget to shove coats and boots into the car. All details below.

Thousands of crocuses have spread over many years through the 2 acre garden and into the neighbouring churchyard. The garden is set in a lovely position with views down the valley to the Little Dart river. Please feel free to walk down to the river, across the bridge into the wildflower meadow (obviously not flowering yet!) and join the public footpaths in the woods.

Opening date and times -

Sunday 3rd March (1.30-5.00)

Admission

£5.00, children free

Facilities







Dogs on leads please

Refreshments

Cream teas in the parish hall next to the house

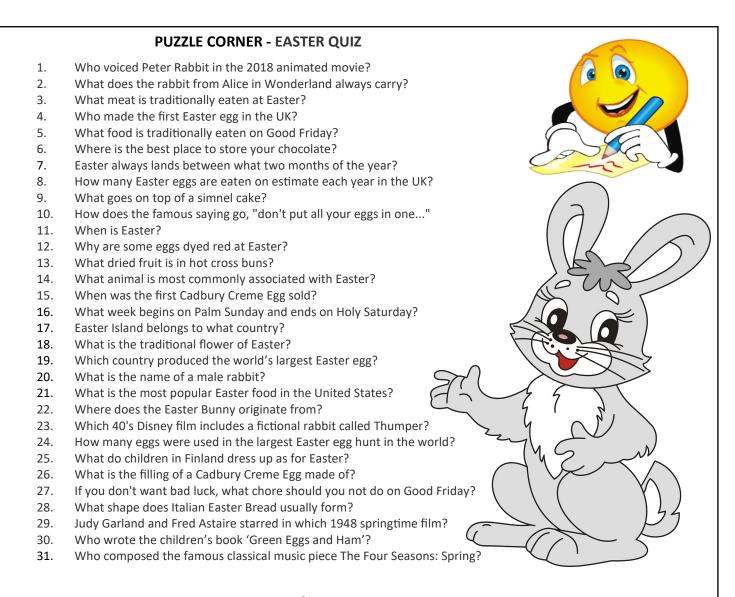
Directions

In the centre of East Worlington, 2 miles west of Witheridge. From Witheridge square go right to East Worlington. After 1.5 miles turn right at the T-junction in Drayford, over the bridge then left to Worlington. After 0.3 mile turn left at the T-junction. The garden is 200 yards on left. Disabled parking at the house. Parking nearby.

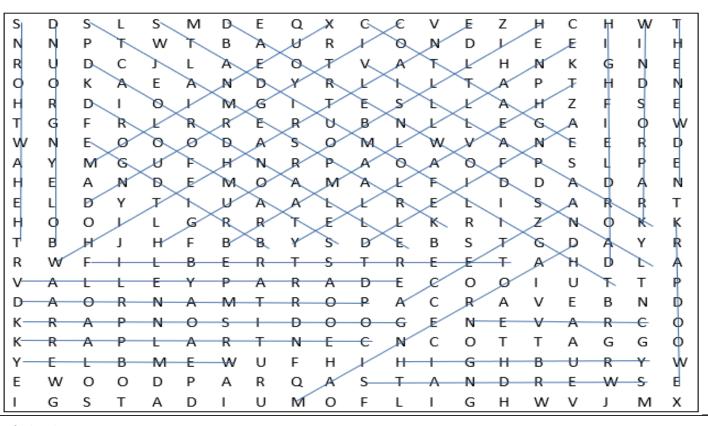
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FEBRUARY'S WORD SEARCH ANSWERS UK Football Grounds



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN OUR AREA?

Visit the current exhibition in The ARK to find out more. All the answers to the Quiz below can be found there. Completed Quiz Sheets left in the ARK will be entered into a draw to win a prize. Entries by the end of March!

Lapford Parish Council

1	When were Parish Councils first set up in England?	**	Lapford Parish	
2	How many parishes are there in Devon?	_	Mid Devon District	
3	Name the Council responsible for repairing roads.	_	Bank A Section	
4	Which Council would you report fly tipping to?		North Liste	
5	Name Lapford's County Councillor.	_	Broomsmaad	
6	Name Lapford's District Councillor.	_	78 A a Filleigh Cleave	
7	Name two things that Lapford Parish Council is responsible for	<u>.</u>	Bowerthy Forches Cross	
8	How much is Lapford's precept for 2024/5?	(3)	Regwerthy D 192 Cobley Hote	
9	Lapford Parish covers how many square kilometres?	Nymi	at Br 200 Rensey	
10	How many households are there in Lapford Parish?	18	R Parlonage Fin. Command	
11	Who gave the Church Green to the community?	()	The State of the S	
12a	How many Councillors sit on Lapford Parish Council?	_	Lapford &	
12b	Name three of them?	_	Lapford 18	
13	Where might you find a list of Parish Councillors?	anger	Cross (e2	
14	Who is the Parish Footpath Warden?	5	2 Cross Bury Barton o	
15	Name a Working Party/Committee of the Parish Council.	ursde	on Kelland Barton	
16	In which month is the Annual Parish Meeting held?		Pennycotts Stark dech	
17	Who is responsible for Weed Clearing in the Parish?		LPOSS This map is reproduced from the Quinters dismay evaluate with the	
18	Where could you look for more information about the Parish Council?	_	Subural of the Controlled of t	
19	What will the Neighbourhood Plan be about?	ale.	Decor Corris Council LAD (SEC 2001	
20	How can members of the public help the Parish Council?		to the state of th	
Please	fill in your details below if you would like to enter the Draw.	rill the Neighbourhood Plan be about? n members of the public help the Parish Council?		
	Name			
	Contact details			

DAMP AND MOULD

"Damp and mould is building up in our house. Our living room is worst and there's a strong smell so we have stopped having friends round. We're also concerned about our health. We've reported it to the landlord who has done nothing. We've six months left on the tenancy agreement and running out of options. What should we do?"

Absolutely right to tell the landlord but to work out if they are responsible you need to find the cause of the damp and mould, but this can take time unless it is clear there is a leaking roof or bad insulation.

Damp occurs when property doesn't dry out. It can be rising, penetrating, construction or condensation damp and can lead to mould, the fungus that grows where warm, damp air condenses on cold surfaces like window frames. The following link will help establish the type of damp, who is responsible and what you can do https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/repairs-in-rentedhousing/repairs-common-problems/repairs-damp/

Your landlord is responsible for fixing a damp problem if it's making your home unsafe and unhealthy. They will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have done like rotting window frames. They would have to cover the cost of repairs to any items damaged by the damp including carpets and furniture.

Keeping homes well heated and well ventilated is the best way to prevent condensation but with high heating costs and cold weather this isn't always easy. You may, however, be eligible for support.

Try to avoid doing anything that makes damp worse like drying clothes on heaters, blocking air vents or using portable gas heaters as that may affect whether the landlord takes responsibility for repairs

At CA TNMWD we have trained energy advisers who can help.

Rural Devon Citizen's Advice | Torridge, North, Mid citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk

Free, local Adviceline on 0808 27 87 999.

If you would be interested in volunteering with us, our website also shows the opportunities we have and you should then contact recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk. We would love to hear from you!

citizens advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon

LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through the academic year. The final week of the half term saw a whole host of enrichment activities for the children of Lapford Community Primary School.



At the beginning of the week, year 5 and 6 children from Herons travelled to Chulmleigh to take part in a netball tournament. They played three games and, after losing to one of the Chulmleigh teams in the first round, found their fight and were able to

steal a win from East Worlington in the second match. The children really enjoyed themselves and demonstrated great perseverance and sportsmanship to finish the tournament in third place. Well done Herons.

On Thursday, Kingfishers set off to Pixie's Holt, Dartmeet on a one night residential. This is the first time that Year 3 and 4 children have had the opportunity to take part in a residential visit and it is safe to say it was a resounding success. Despite some fairly awful weather, the children enjoyed a night walk across Dartmoor (in the pitch black), scrambling and weaselling across Hound Tor and orienteering. As well as all of the activities, this experience really helped the children to develop their independence as they had to take care of their kit, keep their rooms tidy and help with making lunches and clearing the dining hall. It was also a whole lot of fun!





Skylarks also had an end of term treat as they went back in time to 1666 for a Great Fire of London day. The children dressed up as children from that time and spent the day immersing themselves in activities that would have been popular; learning to weave, writing with a quill, creating clay candle holders and scent bags and designing and making a copper plaque. They had a fantastic day and a super finale to their Great Fire of London topic.

Not to be left out, Robins also had a very special visitor. As part of their learning about Chinese New Year, the children had been busy learning to write Chinese numbers and creating lanterns. Their learning was really brought to life when they were visited by a community member, Yoyu, who brought in pictures, decorations and some delicious Chinese dumplings for the children to sample.

What a wonderful end to the half term for all our pupils.

Mrs J. Wright Head of School



STILTON AND CELERIAC MASHED POTATOES

1 large peeled celeriac an equal amount of peeled potatoes



boil or steam them until cooked, drain well and mash to every 1 lb (450g) add:

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2oz (50g) grated Stilton cheese

two tablespoonfuls milk 1 oz (25g) butter

Season with freshly ground black pepper and a little grated nutmeg.

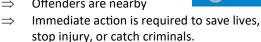
Place the mash in a buttered oven proof dish, sprinkle breadcrumbs and grated stilton over the top and bake in a hot oven until golden brown.

Good with meat or vegetable stews.

Paul Cleave

ONLY DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY IF:

- Life is at risk
- ⇒ People are injured
- ⇒ Offenders are nearby



For all other enquiries please use the police non-emergency contact methods—dc.police/contact



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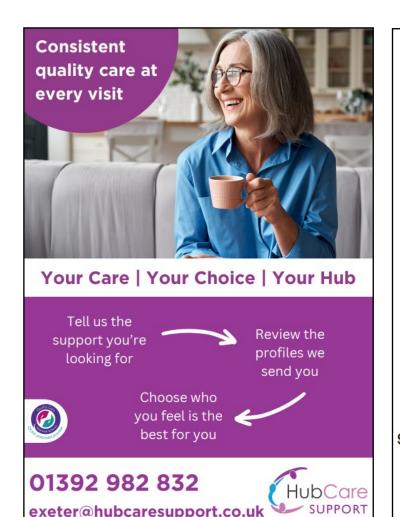
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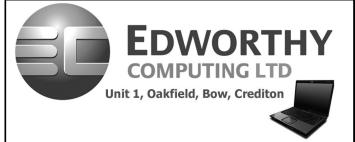
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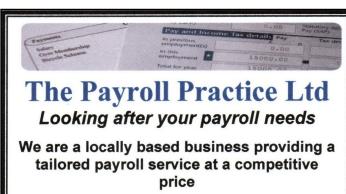
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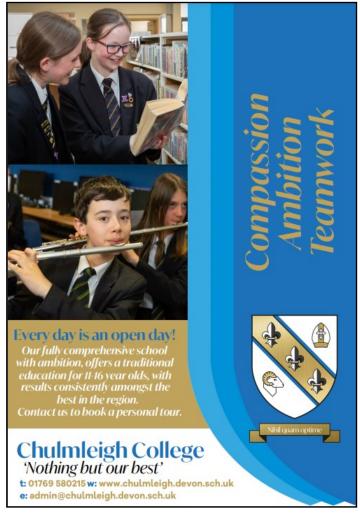
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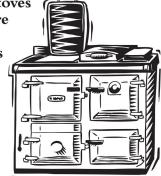
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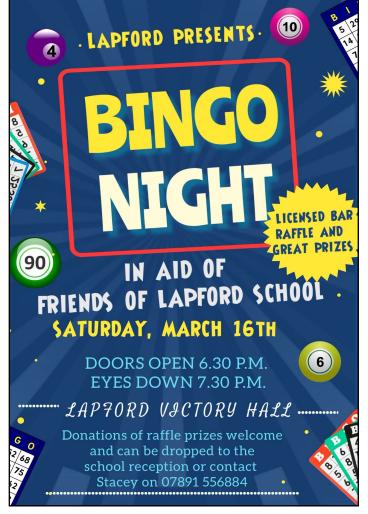
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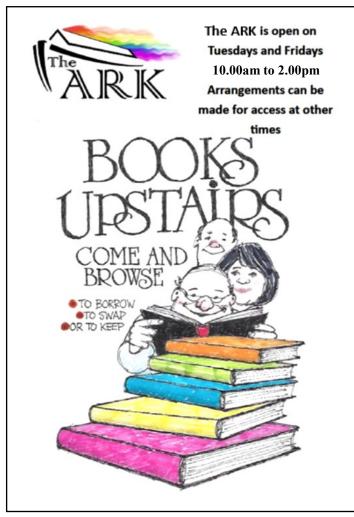
























LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW MIDDLE ENGLAND BY JONATHAN COE

As has happened so many times, when we get a book that has won an award, we do not really enjoy it. This was a Costa winner in 2019.

Several of us didn't even finish it, those who did, didn't enjoy it and were rather disappointed. Once again, this may be a book that you enjoy but, on the whole, not the Lapford Book Club. All we can do is cross our fingers that the next book is more to our taste.



Jill Doe

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Lapford Emergency Action Plan Committee

HOW CONCERNED SHOULD WE BE ABOUT THE STATE OF ROADS IN OUR PARISH?



Pretty concerned! And about the ability of the local authority to solve the issues. However, there is something we can do to help ourselves! Read on!

Devon County Council runs a ROAD WARDEN SCHEME whereby participating parishes can sign up volunteers for free training to fill in

potholes on minor roads, clear drains carry out other minor works and generally keep an eye on their local road network. Lapford Parish Council is anxious to join this scheme but cannot do so without some reasonably fit volunteers with a bit of time to spend and the willingness to work in a team to improve things for the community.

MORE INFORMATION about the scheme can be found on the DCC website – <u>www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme</u>

A couple of volunteers have expressed an interest but a team of six would be ideal.

People interested in joining in please contact a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk -

<u>clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk</u> It would be lovely to be able to carry this initiative forward.

Lapford Emergency Action Team, Lapford Parish Council

INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL GRID

National Grid is currently looking to upgrade parts of their Low Voltage network in Lapford. They are out surveying the network to see the areas that need work and, once this is collated, will plan the works for June. Part of this was started on the main road in February.

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So far 143 homes and 10 businesses have signed up. This is only 65% of the target sign-up needed before the end of March. Many people are interested but have not signed up because they did not know the cost – Answer: Ask your current broadband provider for their price for Ultra-Fast Full Fibre and if you are happy sign-up "Connect My Community".

GRASS CUTTING QUOTATION INFORMATION

Lapford Parish Council put out this tender for grass cutting around the Village for 2024/2025. If you are interested in providing a quote, please use the specification below.

The quote we request is as follows to start in April 2024.

Parish Council Property

- 1. Grass around Victory Hall x 10.
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LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES JANUARY 2024

The Parish Council met on 23rd January 2024 in The Orchard Centre. These notes summarise some of the issues discussed in the meeting.

The Parish Council County Councillor Margaret Squires attended and reported that the County Council was going through its budget setting process for the 24/25 financial year with the current proposals going to the scrutiny committee before being decided by full council.

District Councillor Steve Keable attended and circulated his report. He also mentioned the budget setting process for the 24/25 financial year and discussed the letter regarding recycling and rubbish that was sent out to members of the parish in error. Please see report for further information or speak to Steve directly.

The Openreach project has had 150 of the required 240 homes and businesses sign up; the application date has been extended to the 29th February 2024 so please do pledge if you have not already done so.

There has only been one entry to the logo competition and plans on holding workshops for those that may like to be involved in the design of the logo for the Parish Council – further information to follow.

The clerk has requested the dog refuse bins located around the village be replaced due to their deterioration.

The clerk has applied for the supply of a free defibrillator kit for Lapford under the British Heart Foundation scheme. Hopefully it can be located in the lower part of the village.

The Parish Council has received four applications from potential councillors.

The Ark, Book Club and Parish Council are working together to support the community with a library facility and obtain a grant to enable a proposed one evening a week opening and also a Saturday morning with emphasis on children using the facilities.

Each month a councillor attends the village market and we ask our parishioners to come along and meet their councillors.

The tender for grass cutting will be coming up for the coming year.

District Councillor Steve Keable has produced a petition regarding the highway failures and urges people to get in touch to sign it. This is also being supported by County Councillor Margaret Squires.

Cllr Burrows has been approached regarding a bus shelter at the top of Highfield – this was added to the agenda for February.

It was agreed that future meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month – subject to clerk availability with the next year's dates as follows:

13th Feb, 12th Mar, 16th Apr, 14th May (AGM), 11th Jun, 9th Jul, 13th Aug, 17th Sep, 8th Oct, 12th Nov, 10th Dec.

RIP DR JULIET CROSS

Juliet was Clerk to Lapford Parish Council between 2018 and 2020. During that time, she really pulled Parish Council business together, dealing with the mountains of paperwork with real interest, efficiency, and good humour. She taught us all a lot about correct procedures, policies, and the ins and outs of running a public organisation. She was endlessly patient.

She spent much of her time working at the Orchard Centre or in The ARK, was always open to a conversation and connected with people in the village that way.

Sadly, Juliet died at the beginning of January after a short illness.

We remember her fondly. Thank you Juliet.

Lapford Parish Council

There was a young man of Japan,

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When asked why it was,

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ROAD CLOSURE IN LAPFORD

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Website: https://www.southwestwater.co.uk

Reference: LM501NC10432490 Proposed Start Date: 4 March 2024 Estimated End Date: 8 March 2024

Works Description: Supply new water source

Street Description: ROAD FROM ORCHARD CROSS TO HIGHER

FORCHES CROSS

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Lapford Parish Council

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Rachael Clayburn & Heidi Becker Show Secretaries

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

Bow Medical Centre - £6

Chulmleigh Dental Practice - £6

Chulmleigh Health Centre - £6

Crediton (Breast Screening) - £7

Crediton Community Hospital - £6

Morchard Bishop Surgery - £4 Redlands Health Centre - £7

Witheridge Surgery - £6

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

LAST POSTING TIMES AROUND THE VILLAGE



Mon-Fri Saturday **Eastington Cross** 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Woodland Cottage 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. **Industrial Estate** 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Highfield Orchard Way 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Saxtons 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. Morchard Road 9.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m. 11.15 a.m. Copplestone

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

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