

LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Bingo Night

Lapford Victory Hall, Lapford, Crediton, EX17 6PZ

Saturday 11 May

Doors open 6:30 - Eyes down 7:30

Raffle on the night! £1 a strip!

Prize donations welcome!

Because every day matters www.hospiscare.co.uk

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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

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., Easter 6 Lay Led Morning Prayer 5th 8th 10.30 a.m., BCP Holy Communion,. All welcome 12th 9.30 a.m., Easter 7 Lay Led Morning Prayer 19th 9.30 a.m., PENTECOST Lay Led Morning Prayer

26th 9.30 a.m., Trinity Sunday, Friends of St Thomas CW Eucharist

Friends of St Thomas (FOST) will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 25th May from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon, in the church. Do please come along and find out more about how they help to care for the interior of the Grade 1 listed Parish Church.



LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Contacts:

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Services:

Services every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays

Preachers for this month:

5th David Worden 12th All Age Service tbc

19th tbc

26th All Age Service led by Cat Seymour

Sir Roy Shambles 2nd Jun

All Age Service (including Lesley Gomez from LAMA House, Philippines) 9th Jun



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contacts:

Briony Clinch - Tel: 83666 www.lapfordcc.org.uk

Meets every Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Victory Hall with refreshments served from 10.00 a.m.

Connect Groups meet during the week at either 7.00 p.m. or 7.30 p.m.

Please visit our website for information about the Foodbank and The ARK. Our website will also give you more information about other Church activities.



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

May

1st –5th Friends from Grainville-Langannerie visit

11th LYPFT Car Boot Sale, buyers from 11.00am

11th Bingo in aid of Hospiscare, Victory Hall, ED 7.30pm

14th Copy deadline for June Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

14th Lapford Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm, The ARK

14th Lapford Parish Council AGM, 7.30pm

16th Ladies of Lapford, Felt Beads, The ARK, 7.30pm

23rd Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip to Wells Cathedral

and Glastonbury

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

25th FoST Coffee Morning, Parish Church, from 10.30am

30th Lapford & District Over 60 Club AGM

June

6th Commemoration of D Day Landings

8th Lapford's Big Help Out Day

9th Open Garden for Hospiscare at Middlefield, 2-5.00pm

14th Copy deadline for July Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

14th Lapford Parish Council AGM, Victory Hall, 7.00pm

15th Bingo for hall improvements, Victory Hall, ED 7.30pm

20th Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip to Lyme Regis

20th Ladies of Lapford, The ARK 7.30pm

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

27th Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

29th Coldridge Fete

July

5th-7th Lapford Revel

9th Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

14th Copy deadline for August Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

18th Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip to Tiverton

25th Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

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

August

13th Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

14th Copy deadline for Sept Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

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

29th Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

ADVANCE INFORMATION



There are likely to be planned power cuts in the village during the week of 3rd to 7th of June as part of work to upgrade the system. You will receive prior notification- a card through the door - if your property will be involved.

Lapford Parish Council



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome



lapfordlookout@gmail.com

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



8th Oct

FUTURE DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

7th Sept Lapford Garden Club Show, Victory Hall

14th Sept Copy deadline for October Lapford Lookout, 6pm 17th Sept Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm (3rd Tues)

19th Sept Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip South Devon

14th-29th Sept Mid Devon Walking Festival

26th Sept Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

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

Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

14th Oct Copy deadline for Nov Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm
 17th Oct Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip to Plymouth
 26th Oct Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

31st Oct Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

11th Nov Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30

12th Nov Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

14th Nov Copy deadline for Dec Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm
 20th Nov Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip to Street
 23rd Nov Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

28th Nov Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

10th Dec Copy deadline for Jan Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

10th Dec Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

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

Polite Notice



Help keep **Lapford** litter free and take all rubbish home with you or use the bins provided

Thank you

OPENREACH GIGABIT BROADBAND UPDATE

The work to promote the installation of fibre broadband in Lapford continues with Phil Bridges having attended the Lapford Village market last month to talk with residents about the project.

Remember, 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. We are currently at approximately 70% of the sign up required to go ahead.

If you have any questions, Phil can be contacted at philbridges@email.com, or 07990 563147.







MAY PROGRAMME

Thursday 2nd Friday 10th Friday 17th Jazz on the Green Curry and Jazz Sound & Vision Film – I'm Not There Theatre: Behold Ye Ramblers (Townsend

Productions)

Saturday 25th May – 1 June Art Exhibition by thirteen local artists and CAC art classes

LADIES OF LAPFORD - LADIES AND THE LAW

Well, yes; keeping on the right side of it on the road and keeping ourselves and others safe were the topics for our evening meeting in March. We had a good turnout. Obviously, we are all keen to be model citizens. Or was it that we were just keen to avoid those nasty little points on our licences? If so, we had the perfect guide. Belinda joined us for the evening to speak about safer driving. As someone who delivers the National Speed Awareness Course, she is very well placed to help us become better drivers.



She began with a simple test of our knowledge about speed limits. She showed us four classes of road: one in an urban environment, one such as the A road between Crediton and Lapford, a stretch of dual carriageway and a motorway. We were asked to say the speed limit for each one. I'd like to say we agreed correctly on them all, but sadly, we only agreed on the limit for motorways. For the other roads, we managed to offer a variety of speeds. Apparently, this confusion is very common. She also pointed out that certain types of vehicles can have different speed limits from the one stated on the roadside so beware if you are driving something you don't usually drive.

She went on to show a video that demonstrated the importance of driving at the right speed. Many of us are probably guilty of thinking a couple of miles per hour more won't make a difference and anyway, there is a tolerance above the speed limit, isn't there? Wrong on both counts. There used to be a tolerance band that *might* get you off the hook; there isn't now. It is also wrong that going just that little bit faster won't make a difference. It **does** make a dramatic difference to the time it will take you to stop. We watched as cars crashed into people and cars (cardboard ones) whereas the car travelling just a few miles per hour more slowly could stop before impact with them. Given that an increase in speed often only makes a difference of minutes to your arrival time, it clearly isn't worth it.

She supplied some sobering figures about the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur on our roads every day and reminded us that our own A377 has been designated as one of the Red roads in Devon meaning that traveling along it carries a high risk of harm. It has been so designated because of the number of accidents along it. Belinda also told us that 93% of accidents are considered to be driver error and therefore presumably avoidable with less loss of life or injury.

She told us about COAST. This mnemonic is to remind us of the five things that can help us to drive more safely — Concentration, Observation, Anticipation, Space and Time. Belinda took us through each of these advising on ways to improve our concentration, showing us the importance of observation and anticipation by getting us to watch a video and pick out the possible dangers so that we were anticipating them and therefore ready to take action. She reminded us of Rule 126 of the Highway Code which 'advises you to drive at a speed that allows you to stop well within the distance you can see to be clear' and to leave a two second gap between yourself and the car in front. Remember 'only a fool breaks the two second rule'? She showed us how to pick a fixed marker ahead on the road and say this little rhyme during the time between the car in front passing it and yourself passing it. If you can't fit it in, you are too close. She talked about the pressure tailgating puts on people and how to deal with it. Her point was to underline how simply allowing more space and time can save lives and she reminded us that space and time are even more important when conditions are less than ideal.

It was a really useful and instructive evening. Belinda had a very attentive audience and there were questions and a lot of relevant chat as we enjoyed tea and cake when she had finished. I don't know how many drove home afterwards but I'm sure they did so even more safely than usual. Oh, and if you do see dangerous driving and have it on dashcam, send it in. The police get over 6000 dashcam videos a year in Devon and Cornwall alone! They can act on these and, be warned, they do.

Sue Raffill

A THANK YOU FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The Lapford Lookout Editorial Team would like to thank "Steve" who stopped to help when the we were leaving the Orchard Centre after the Editorial Meeting for this month's issue and encountered a problem with the lock.

A mention also to Julie Down who arrived with a spare key so we could lock up!

Thank you Steve and Julie, your help was much appreciated and a great example of why we love living in Lapford.





Lapford Weather March 2024

Milder than average by one degree. Wetter than average too.

The warmest day was the 19^{th} with a maximum of 15.5° C and the coolest was the 1^{st} which only got to 7.4° C. The coldest night was on the 2^{nd} with a minimum of -1.0° C, while the 6^{th} saw a grass temperature down to -5.4° C.

Total rainfall was 117.7 mm, a little under twice the average for March. The wettest day was the 28th with 15.6 mm. Interestingly we woke to a layer of wet snow on the morning of the 28th, quite late in the year for such an event and the first lying snow for the whole winter. It soon melted in the rising temperature and rain.

The windiest day was the 4th with a gust of 39 m.p.h.

Andy Epstein

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB

If you read all the Lapford Lookout, you will have noticed the regular book review from members of the Lapford Book Club.

We are an enthusiastic group of bookworms. Each year we are sent, by Devon Libraries, a list of 250 book titles, all the information we are given is the title and author, from which we have to choose 24. Monthly a random title from our list is delivered to Crediton Library awaiting collection, and on the first Monday of the next month, we meet in The ARK.

We all chip in our opinion of the last book, quite a lively, good natured, discussion follows. When nobody has anything else to say, the new book is handed out, with mixed reception if it looks interesting or resignation if not to your taste. Finally, a volunteer is nominated to send in a review (this is always their own opinion) and we all go home, either to dive into the new book or to put it on a shelf until it cannot be put off any longer.



If you enjoy reading (and good conversation) you may also enjoy joining our little group. We meet at The ARK on the first Monday of the month. For any further information, phone Jill Doe on 01363 83410.

Chulmleigh & District Society presents MIDDLE EASTHISTORY AND ITS EFFECTS ON PRESENTDAY PALESTINE

An illustrated talk by FuadRamadan Chulmleigh Pavilion, Leigh Road, ex 187jl Friday 24th May, 7.30pm



How allies became enemies in the Middle East and vice versa (examples that will shock you).

Members £4 Non members £6 payable on the door Wine, beer and fruit juice for sale Follow us on Facebook @TheChulmleighSociety



REMINISCENCE GROUP

Did you know, Crediton Library hold a monthly Reminiscence Group? It's a chance to have a chat about your memories in relaxed, friendly company over a cup of tea. Each month we explore a different theme using photos, books, objects or music. Attendees can also bring along items or photos they'd like to share.

Upcoming dates and themes are:

10th May- Film, TV and Radio

14th June- Recipes and Food

12th July- Music

9th August- Holidays

13th September- School



Reminiscence Groups take place at the library on the second Friday of each month, 2-3.00 p.m. You can also book a 1-1 Reminiscence Interview with one of our volunteers, to chat more generally about memories from childhood and school through to work and family (or anything else you'd like to reminisce about). These 1-1 conversations are audio recorded at home or at the library and added to an online collection.

Part of the Reminiscence Project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. For more information, or to book a place at a Reminiscence Group session, please email crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or call 01363 772578.

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of the Annual Meeting to be held in the Victory Hall on Tuesday May 14th at 7.00 p.m. Everyone welcome! Come along to hear about the Council's achievements in 2023/4 and plans for the future.

Local organisations are invited to attend to give a short report about their activities over the last twelve months.

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL Co-option of Parish Councillor

The closing date for applications will be 10th May. For an application form and more information please contact the Clerk to the Council on clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk or phone 07768 829511.

Applications welcome!

Advance Bookings are invited for stalls/pitches at this year's Revel.

Allocated on a first come first served basis so early booking recommended!

LAPFORD REVEL FAYRE

Saturday July 6th 2024 on Lower Town Place, Lapford EX17 6PZ from 2-00 to 5-30 p.m.

(Site open for access from 1-00 p.m. Parking in adjacent car park)

BOOKING FORM

Name
Contact details (phone and email)
Type of stall/goods for sale (Please note that all catering provision is already in place)
Please tick one option below: a. A table under shared tented cover – fee £5 b. A pitch for your own gazebo – fee £7.50 c. Village Club or organisation – fee £2.50
(Payments in advance via cash or cheque please. Cheques payable to Lapford Revel Committee) Please indicate whether your stall is a Private Stall or a Trade Stall (Trade stall holders will be asked to show evidence of public liability insurance).
Completed forms to be returned to the Post Box at Pear Tree House, Lapford, (opposite the Victory Hall), The ARK, or emailed to susanbriantevans@gmail.com Phone for further information 01363 83763.
Note: That in the event of bad weather the event will move to the Victory Hall, adjacent to Lower Town Place and some stalls may be accommodated there at the discretion of the Revel Committee.

PUZZLE CORNER - EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN MAY

Kindly supplied by Mary Chappell



- 2. In May 1927 the aviator Charles Lindbergh made the first solo transatlantic non-stop flight in which plane?
- 3. On 1st May 1707 the Act of Union joined which two kingdoms together?
- 4. What date marks V-E day?
- 5. In which year on 24th May did Queen Victoria become queen?
- 6. On 1st May of what year was the Penny Black, the first official adhesive postage stamp, issued in the United Kingdom?
- 7. On 5th May 1930, Amy Johnson was the first woman to fly solo from Croydon, where was her destination?
- 8. On 25th May 1967 Celtic became the first British football team to win the European Cup, but who did they beat?
- 9. On 1stMay 1851, Queen Victoria opened what in London?
- 10. On 5th May 1961, who was the first American to travel into outer space?
- 11. In which year on 22nd May did the Wars of the Roses begin?
- 12. On 1st May 1994 which three times World Formula 1 champion was killed in the San Marino Grand Prix?
- 13. On 6th May 1937 the Hindenburg airship burst into flames whilst attempting to moor up where?
- 14. On 2nd May 1969 this iconic British ocean liner set off on its maiden voyage to New York. What was it called?
- 15. Roger Bannister was the first man to run the mile in under four minutes on 6th May of which year?
- 16. On 3rd May 1960 the Anne Frank House museum opened in which European city?
- 17. What did John Francis attempt to do at Constitution Hill on 29th May 1847?
- 18. On 5th May 1821, who died in exile on the island of St Helena?
- 19. The Bank of England underwent the most significant change in its 300 Year history on 6th May 1997. What changed?
- 20. Workers of the United Kingdom went on general strike on 4th May of which year?

LAPFORD'S COMMEMORATION OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS - 6TH JUNE 2024 - PROGRAMME



National Fish & Chip Day

Fish & Chips from the Malt Scoop

Adult portion £14.50 – booking deposit £8.00 Child's portion £8.00 – booking deposit £4.00

Orders to be placed, with deposit, at the Malt Scoop by May 31st please.

Chips and Fish Fingers also available to buy from the Victory Hall.

8-00 a.m. on the Church Green - the Proclamation read by the Chair of the Parish Council.

From 6-00 p.m. The ARK will be open for an exhibition about Lapford at the time of the Second World War, and will be supplying hot drinks and cake.

6-15 p.m. the Church bells will ring

7-10 p.m. Handbells will be rung in the Victory Hall

7-40 p.m. a free showing of the film the Great Escaper with Michael Caine

9-00 p.m. onwards the Church Tower will be floodlit.

9-15 p.m. the Beacon will be lit on the Church Green and the Tribute read.

The centre of the village will be decorated with poppies and bunting, flags flown, music played and a WW2 military vehicle on display (the latter subject to weather conditions).

Celebrations Working Group, Lapford Parish Council

LAPFORD BIG HELP OUT DAY - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

10-00 a.m. meet at the Orchard Centre to volunteer for litter-picking, sign cleaning, weeding and other odd jobs to make our village tidier and smarter.

Our last Big Help Out Day for the Coronation was very successful let's make it bigger and better this time!

To offer particular DIY skills ahead of the day please contact: Cllr. Steve Fletcher on 07891 142436.

steven.fletcher@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk

This will be followed by a snack lunch at 12.00 noon in the Victory Hall for volunteers.

Volunteering Exhibition (from 12.00 noon)

All readers are warmly invited to the Victory Hall to learn a little more about the wide variety of groups in our village. Who are they? What do they do? What can they offer? What could you gain by being involved? Volunteering opportunities will be available. Please come along to find out more. Everyone is welcome.

A quick glance at the long list of organisations on the inside back page of the Lapford Lookout shows what a vibrant community we are fortunate to live in. These groups are all run by volunteers – the lifeblood of our community. This list is not exhaustive. The Parish Council organises Litter Picking and Village Clean Up Days. Many individual parishioners are only too happy to donate a raffle prize, sell draw tickets, bake a cake, help put up a tent, or litter pick of their own accord. All are unsung but make a valuable contribution to village life.

Many village groups will be taking part in the Exhibition. Why not come along and meet some of them? Perhaps have a chat about what they have done in the past and would like to achieve in the future?

So, please come along and find out more about what goes on in our wonderful village. Meet some of the people involved. Perhaps you might consider volunteering yourself if you connect with a group or organisation that 'fits'. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, get involved, or just to give back. There is no onus to commit to anything, but just imagine if every one of us made just one volunteering effort – what a difference that would make! Volunteers are valued.

Connect with your community and make it a better place from which we all benefit. Remember, someone is sitting in the shade today because someone else planted a tree a long time ago!

Cheese and wine on tap courtesy of LADS. All welcome.

If your group would like to take part and has not already signed up, please contact Cllr. Sue Briant-Evans on 01363 83763 sue.briantevans@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk. The hall will be open from 10-00 a.m. for organisations to set up their tables.

4-30 p.m. at The ARK, Lapford Lookout Volunteers thank you Tea Party.

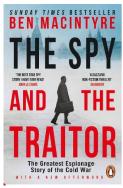
Celebrations Working Group, Lapford Parish Council



LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW "The Spy and The Traitor" by Ben Macintyre"

This account of espionage and counterespionage during the height of the Cold War keeps the reader fascinated with the last third of the book culminating in such a gripping read it is hard to put the book down.

Oleg Antonyevich Gordievsky born in 1938 was the second son of a KGB officer and the younger brother of a KGB officer, therefore it was inevitable that he should study in preparation for being invited to join the KGB (one did not apply to join). Oleg was a linguist with an incredible memory. He became a very good KGB agent. Oleg found his nation's communism to be corrupt and criminal, the suppression of the Czechoslovakian Revolution motivated



him to make overtures to Western intelligence. He became a double agent spying for the British during the very tense period of the Cold War during the 1970s and 80s. He had grown to enjoy the freedom of the Western way of life while posted in the embassy in Denmark.

Ben Macintyre takes the reader through the intricate process of Oleg achieving his aim, with British minders watching him and obtaining vital information from him and at the same time protecting him. There are many names from British politics that crop up throughout Oleg's period of leading a double life. A well written book giving an insight into the intrigues of the duplicity of the world of espionage and counter espionage. Most members thoroughly enjoyed the book and would recommend it.

Alison Nelson

HATS OFF TO OUR YOUNGSTERS!

Lapfordians Emily Passmore and Alex Fletcher have both been offered a place to study at Exeter Maths School this September. Both sat their GCSE a year early, achieving the top grade of nine.



Exeter Maths School is a state-funded sixth form, jointly sponsored by the University of Exeter and Exeter College, for young people who love maths, physics and computing. As it receives applications from all across the South West and has limited places, all applicants have to go through a challenging entrance exam and interview process.

This follows on from the success of Christian Woodley last year who is also now attending Exeter Maths School.

We would like to say "Well Done" to all three of you and wish you all the very best in whatever the future brings you.

The Lapford Lookout Team





PROVIDING HELP AND ADVICE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Regular readers of these community columns will know that we help people with a vast array of problems. Many are finance related, especially since the increase in the cost of living has impacted on households across the area. People by and large do not know what benefits or financial

assistance is available that they may be able to claim and even if they think they may be able to get help, they often don't know how to go about applying for it or are simply too proud to ask. Quite often, eligibility for certain benefits opens the door to other assistance and in today's world, the problems that people present to us are becoming increasingly complex.

We have specialist teams to advise on things like debt and energy as well as help that is available to people with special needs such as people with cancer or other life limiting illnesses. We can help with housing problems and social needs and if we can't provide the help that is needed, we can refer people to other organisations that are more specialised in particular areas.

In our articles we have talked about shoddy workmanship, rights that people have when holidays don't measure up, employment issues and what to be aware of when buying a car. We are here to listen and give free, impartial advice to anyone who needs it.

For us, the start of a new financial year is a time to reflect on what we have achieved in the previous financial year in terms of the numbers of people we have helped, the problems we have advised on and the impact that has had. We are continually striving to improve our efficiencies and find more ways to help more people. This year we introduced a new email advice service for instance, and we are looking at ways to make getting advice more accessible, for example, by making more information available on our website.

We also understand that not everyone is computer savvy and sometimes people just want to be able to talk to somebody on the telephone or in person which is why we have an ongoing recruitment and training programme to grow our volunteer numbers. All our volunteers get full training and ongoing support and volunteering with us can lead to paid employment opportunities. You don't need to be an expert in any particular field, you just need to care and have a willingness to listen; our training and support will see you through the rest. If meeting new people and helping within our local community appeals to you, please contact recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk.

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - MARCH 2024

WHAT HAS THE PARISH COUNCIL DONE RECENTLY?

- Assisted LYPFT with a section 106 application for funding.
- Ordered new finger posts for the missing ones around the parish, awaiting arrival for fitting.
- Had MDDC replace or repair Dog and Refuse bins around the village.
- Co-opted Cllr Heal onto the Parish Council following a resignation.
- Placed three new grit bins strategically around the village.
- Proposed a new Bus Shelter for the top of Highfield this is ongoing.

WHAT WILL THE PARISH COUNCIL DOING IN THE COMING MONTHS?

- Repainting the Orchard Centre
- Refurbishing and repurposing the Phone Box after electrical disconnection.
- Aiming to clean the village signs and bus shelters.
- Completing Chapter 8 Training and building a team of volunteers for the Road Warden scheme
- Completing First Aid Training with Roy Trevaskis meaning that the village will have several first aiders to hand in any event
- Re-planting and maintaining the village flower beds.
- Aiming to provide another defibrillator for the lower part of the village.
- Siting a grit bin in Highfield soon

These notes summarise the discussions held:

- Phil Bridges from Coldridge had been invited to make a presentation on the concerns with the Openreach Fibre Connection project in Lapford.
- There were currently 160+ applicants within all the parishes involved, of which roughly half were in Lapford. This represented about 7-8% of households and Anthony believed that a target of around 10% would enable the threshold to be crossed and the connection project to go ahead. He estimated that Lapford, by far the biggest of the parishes involved, would need to recruit another 25-30 households to sign up.
- The connection charge under this scheme would be zero, which would not be the case once the present offer has closed.
- One of the big disincentives was that people were concerned that a faster broadband would result in higher supply charges. The clerk pointed out that Sky's charges were currently just £1 a month higher for Ultrafast connections.
- It was important to emphasise that this scheme would future proof a supply which would inevitably be necessary as technology progressed.

HOLD REPRESENTATION

Cllr Lumsdon offered to fill this role.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Celebrations Committee

• Revised Terms of Reference were adopted. Arrangements for commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June and a Parish Volunteering Day on 10th June were ongoing.

Lapford Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) Committee.

- The provision of a new grit bin for Highfield was in the pipeline.
- The bridgeworks had been re-promised by highways.
- The lack of fencing by the river bridge to be pointed out to Highways yet again, making it clear that responsibility lies with the County should anything happen there.
- Road Warden Training Cllr. Lumsdon and two other volunteers are now progressing through the training.
- Roy Trevaskis had offered to conduct First Aid and Defibrillator training. The date of 23rd April at 7.00 p.m. at the Victory Hall was agreed.

LIBRARY SUPPORT

• The county council grant scheme for alternative library facilities had been oversubscribed and was now closed. The ARK library group were now putting together a more extensive proposal than before and would approach the Parish Council when that was finalised.

VILLAGE WEED CLEARANCE

• Cllr. Fletcher has spoken with a contractor and discussions are ongoing.

ASSETS INSPECTION

• Cllrs. Andrews and Briant-Evans would undertake this task.

VILLAGE SIGN

• Refurbishment is underway by Cllr. Andrews, once complete it will be installed.

VICTORY HALL COMMITTEE

 Would like more parishioners to come to the management committee meetings and aid in the growth of the Victory Hall moving forward.

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Eastington

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Romand

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LAPFORD LOOKOUT DELIVERY PERSON REQUIRED

A volunteer delivery person is required for the distribution of the Lapford Lookouts at the end of May for the June issue and also at the end of June for the July issue.

The Lapford Lookouts (600 copies) would be delivered to you and the position involves distributing these in differing quantities to our volunteer deliverers.

If you can help, please contact the team at lapfordlookout@gmail.com







absolutely brilliant food

excellent food and staff are friendly and helpful

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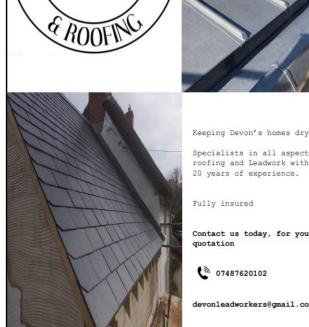
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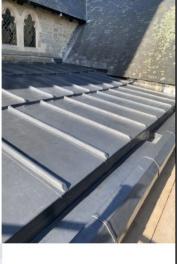








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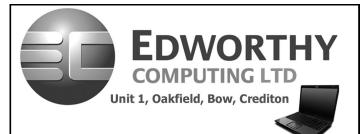
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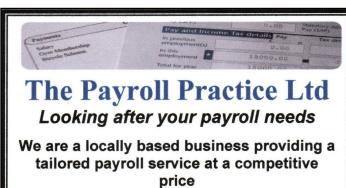
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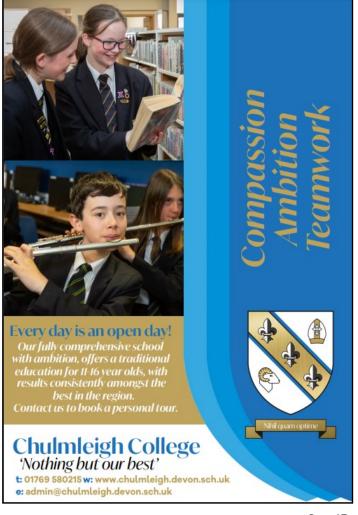
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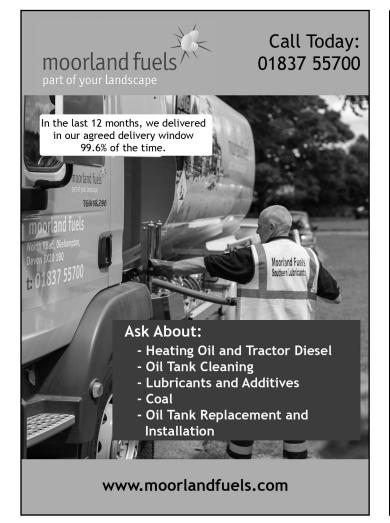
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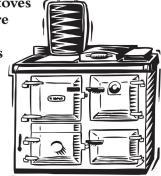
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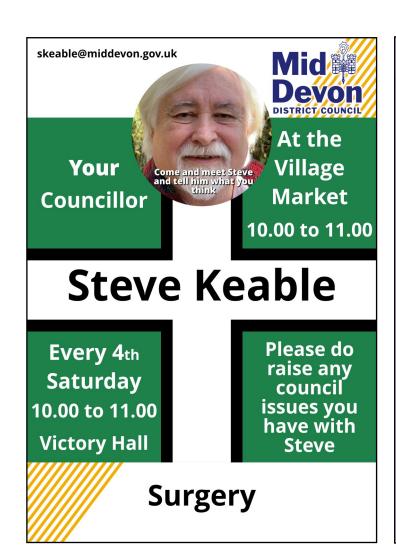
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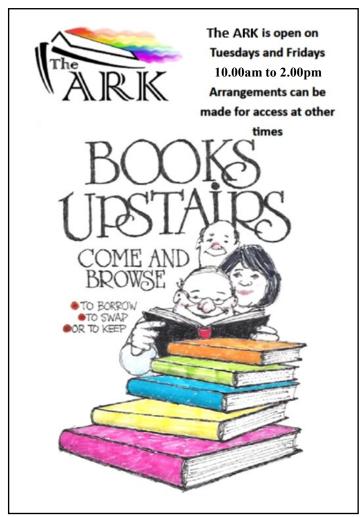
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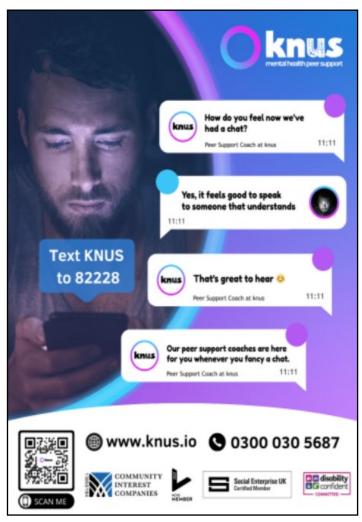
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- NHS for non urgent medical needs ~ 111
- Patient Participation Group ~ Bill Graham ~ 01363 83047
- Police Non-emergency ~ 101
- Power cut ~ 105 or 0800 6783 105
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- RSPCA ~ 0300 1234 999
- Safeguarding concerns and Social Services ~ 0845 6000388
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LVCA
apford Voluntary Car Aid 20'

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:

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Community Equipment	Mr Darren Crump	07960 715553 / darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk
	Mr Steve Keable	07967 655045/ steve.keable@btinternet.com
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Friends of Lapford Mill	Mr Alex Gater	07815 795918 / alex@lapfordmill.uk
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