



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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REVEL'24

PROGRAMME INSIDE LAPFORD 5-7 JULY

Lapford's historic Revel is a **FREE** village event, and this year it's **FANTASTICAL**. Learn about Lapford's fantastical and mystical past—its green man, chimera, saintly relic, healing well, sacred grove, legends & ghosts.

On Friday, after the Revel parade and crowning, Dartmoor's mystical past will be brought to life with award-winning **Beltane Border Morris**. But don't expect hankies and bells, this is the dark side of folk!

Gates open for lunch at 1pm Saturday. Come as you are, or in whatever takes your fancy! We are welcoming elves, fairies, goths, stormtroopers, timelords and steam punks of any age to the **Revel Fayre**. Old stories will be recounted by **The Travelling Talesman**, plus magical children's entertainment from Plymouth's **Emazdad**, and music from **Men In Black**.

Revel into the night with **Paul Adams** and **Stay Lucky**.



The Travelling Talesman

2.30pm SAT



6.00pm SAT
Our own fantastical
Paul Adams

**STAY
LUCKY**

8.00pm SAT



DRESS FANTASTICALLY!



7.30pm FRIDAY

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D-DAY CELEBRATIONS IN LAPFORD

Some highlights of the D-Day celebrations in Lapford



The D-Day 80 Proclamation, 8.00 a.m., 6th June 2024

“Oyez, Oyez, Oyez!

Today we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France - an incredible achievement in military planning and logistics uniting brave service personnel from air, sea and land forces at the beginning of Operation Overlord.

By the day's end, over one hundred and fifty thousand Allied troops had successfully stormed the now famous Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah and Omaha beaches to achieve a foothold in France.

In the weeks that followed, the Allies fought bitterly against a determined foe from the unforgiving countryside of Normandy to the liberation of Paris two months later.

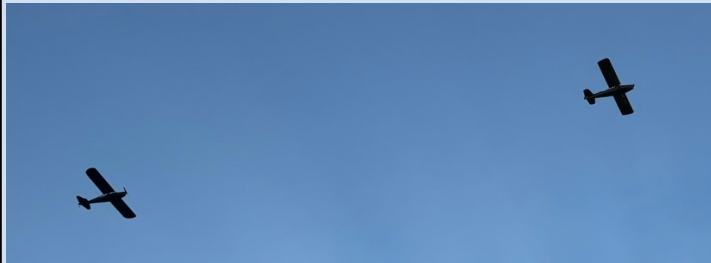
We should all remember and never forget the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved and use this Commemoration to pay our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.

God Save the King!”



Lapford Flypast - 6th June 2024

The yellow plane is a 1960 Auster Mk9 flown by Jeff Houlgrave. It took part in the England to Australia Air Race 1969 as an official army entry in that race.



The smaller camouflaged plane is an Auster Mk3 piloted by Nigel Skinner. This is a true warbird, meaning it was active during World War II. On 6th June 1944 this plane was in the Burmese jungle with 656 Squadron helping to push the Japanese out of the Malayan Peninsula.

Many thanks to Nigel and Jeff - it was a wonderful sight!

The Tribute, 9.15 p.m., 6th June 2024

Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.



Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all nationalities—from all countries—who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.

Let us remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies—the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.

Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories and the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.



LAPFORD CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

(Parish Council)

A HUGE THANK YOU



to everyone involved in the D-Day Commemoration Event on 6th June: for decorations and flags, electrics, food, music, entertainment, The ARK exhibition and refreshments, bell ringing (of both kinds), delivering the national messages, lighting the beacon, grass cutting, insurance and attending six months of planning meetings. Thanks to all this effort Lapford was able to celebrate publicly a very important part of our national history.

THE ARCHIVES ARE ON HOLIDAY IN AUGUST

The Archives are open on Tuesday mornings from 10.00hrs to 13.00hrs and we are located in the Orchard Centre in the village.

Please do get in touch for any reason relating to archive or Lapford village research.

We are closed for the month of August but we will reopen on September 3rd 2024

You can always get in touch -

Ring on 01363 779462

email: archivelapford2022@gmail.com

LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Lapford Congregational Church will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 21 July 2024 following the 11am service and a bring and share lunch.

All are welcome.



Lapford Weather Review

Lapford Weather May 2024

Milder and wetter than average.

The warmest day was the 12th with a maximum of 23.5°C and the coolest was the 2nd with just 11.3°C. The coldest night was on the 4th with a minimum of 5.2°C and a grass frost of -1.4°C.

The month started with a good soaking of rain on the 1st with a total of 30.3 mm rain. This was shortly followed by the only dry week of the month after which it rained on and off for the rest of the month. The final total was 95.5 mm.

The windiest day was the 30th with a gust of 30 m.p.h.

This was (just) the mildest spring I have recorded, but not the wettest. Last year was wetter as was 2018.

Andy Epstein



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

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

18th Ladies of Lapford Town Trail

21st Congregational Church AGM, 11am

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

September

7th Lapford Garden Club Show, Victory Hall

7th LYPFT Car Boot Sale, Lapford Playing Field

14th Copy deadline for October Lapford Lookout, 6pm

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

19th Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip South Devon

14th Sept Mid Devon Walking Festival

26th Lapford & District Over 60 Club Meeting

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

October

8th Oct 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

Future Dates

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

14th Jan Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

11th Feb Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

11th Mar Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

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



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Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:

6.00 p.m. on the 14th July for inclusion in the August issue



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



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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:

Sunday 7 th	9.30 a.m.	Lay Led Morning Prayer
	4.00 p.m.	Revel Service
Weds 10 th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
Sunday 14 th	9.30 a.m.	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 st	9.30 a.m.	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Sunday 28 th	9.30 a.m.	Common Worship Eucharist



LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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email: lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com

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

Services:

Services every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays

Preachers for this month:

July 7th Joint Revel Service

July 14th Rev Caroline Stott

July 21st Kez Taylor

July 28th Cat Seymour

Aug 4th Rev Caroline Stott

LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contacts:

Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666**

www. lapfordcc.org.uk

Services:

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.



LAPFORD YOUTH AND PLAYING FIELD TRUST

LYPFT's next car boot sale will be at the Playing Field on Saturday 7th September.

More details to follow.



LADIES OF LAPFORD

Ladies get crafty again.

Our May meeting saw the return of Jo who came to us a few months ago to share her wonderful array of fabrics, examples of embroidery and patchwork, beautiful old christening gowns and a wedding dress from the past. On this occasion, Jo brought felting wool. She has many talents and she had come to share one of them with us; she was to show us how to make felted beads.



I was not sure what to expect. I certainly didn't picture anything as professional looking as the beads Jo brought along. She showed us a necklace of beads perfectly formed and graded in size. The colouring of the beads was consistent and just looking at them, it was hard to tell what they were made from. They would not have looked at all out of place on a special evening out with your best dress.

Jo came with a huge bag of soft wispy felting wool in all the colours of the rainbow. She also had plastics tubs (the sort that might have contained ice cream) and a bottle of washing up liquid. After a short demonstration by Jo we were ready to give it a go. The tub, the washing up liquid, some hot water, time and a supply of felting wool are all you need. We selected strands of felting wool; some people stuck to one colour and some went for combining colours. We arranged ourselves around the tubs of hot water which were given a tiny squirt of liquid and having selected some strands of felting wool laid over each other, we dipped them onto the surface of the water without soaking them and squeezed them slightly then rolled our hands together round and round to gradually create the ball shape in our palms. That was about all there was to it. Sometimes the balls did not form neatly but had a sort of slight crease in them. It was possible to correct this by adding an extra film of felting wool but it took a bit of care to succeed. If colours were combined, the end result was unpredictable and Jo explained that it was important not to have a set outcome in mind but enjoy what developed.

Jo showed us how to thread them with the options of separating them slightly from each other by adding a tiny glass bead or two between the felt ones, and she showed us the clasps that could be used.

Unlike our art evening, this was not a quiet session of serious concentration because it was easy to roll palms together and natter at the same time. We even managed to eat cake and drink tea while working. Fortunately, this did not impact on the results which were very promising for beginners. Several people asked to take some felt away with them so I think the beading might continue at home and possibly a new necklace or two in felted beads might appear out and about in the near future.

Sue Raffill

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JULY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 3rd & Saturday 6th	Twelfth Night, 7.30pm Tickets £10/£8 Bar
Friday 19th	Stop Making Sense, 7.30p.m Tickets £5 Bar
Saturday 20th 7.30p.m	Lost in the Woods, 2.30pm & Tickets £10/£8 Bar

LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)

Please come and join us in The ARK at 7.30 p.m.



Thursday July 18th

Ladies of Lapford Town Trail

We always welcome new members.
Come and join us!

SUMMER MENUS

Soft fruits and new potatoes make welcome addition to summer menus. Do not forget to add mint to the potatoes, and plenty of butter. They are good in salads too.



Strawberries with orange makes a refreshing summer pudding..

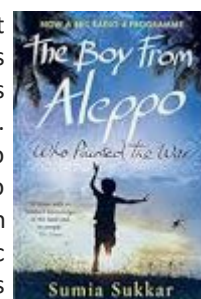
Take 1lb (500g) strawberries, remove the stalks and set aside. Make a puree from 8oz (250g) strawberries (in a blender or rub the strawberries through a fine sieve). Add the juice of an orange and sweeten to taste with castor sugar. Pour the puree into a serving bowl. Place the remaining whole fruit on top and chill in the fridge. Serve with vanilla ice cream or yogurt.

Paul Cleave

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW

THE BOY FROM ALEPPO who Painted the War by Sumia Sukkar

This was our May book that we talked about at the beginning of June. I am afraid it was unanimously disliked, in fact not one of us managed to read more than a few chapters. I think we all tried but the subject was so sad, it was about a family struggling to survive in present-day Syria seen through the eyes of a young boy. Adam is autistic and the terrifying events are told as he sees it, this made it rather hard to read.



We all felt that there is so much horror going on in the world with war in so many countries that to also read a very distressing story was too much to take in. I don't know if we were being too sensitive, perhaps stronger emotional readers would be able to appreciate the powerful writing but not us.

Jill Doe

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BAR from midday to 6pm

Open Air Theatre 2024

July

A Comedy of Errors ~ Thursday, July 11th 7pm
A Midsummer Night's Dream ~ Sunday, July 21st 6pm

Bookings for a pre-show supper taken!

August

Secret Garden ~ Saturday, August 10th 7pm
PLUS Drama Workshop 5pm!
Midsummer Night's Dream & Twelfth Night! ~ Friday, August 23rd 7pm
PLUS Drama Workshop 5pm!

Music & Bands 2024

July

Sunday 14th - Hot Club of Stonehouse 1pm *Swing'n' Gipsy Jazz*
Friday 19th - First Night of the PROMS! Screen in bar
Sunday 21st - Bossa Belisa 3pm *Midsummer Night's Dream pre-show*
Saturday 27th - Seamus McKenna 1pm *Modern Folk*

August

Saturday 17th - Southern Fried Groove Queens 8pm *Blues*

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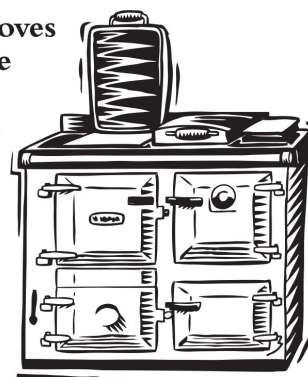
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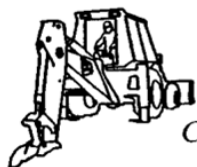


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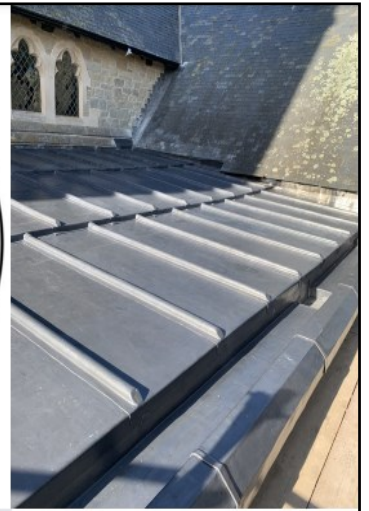
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984—SECTION 16A THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (LAPFORD REVEL, LAPFORD) ORDER 2024 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

On FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024 for a maximum of 3 days

Anticipated Finish FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

Between the hours of 12:00 and 23:00

Roads affected - MAIN STREET, BETWEEN ORCHARD CROSS AND COURT BARTON, LAPFORD

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Between the hours of 17:30 and 19:00

Roads affected – EASTINGTON LANE BETWEEN LAPFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ORCHARD CROSS, LAPFORD

Between the hours of 18:00 and 18:30

Roads affected – ROAD FROM CORNER COTTAGE TO KENNET KNOWN AS HILL LANE, LAPFORD

Between the hours of 18:15 and 19:00

Roads affected – MAIN STREET FROM WESTGATE TO HIGHFIELD, LAPFORD

Between the hours of 19:00 and 21:00

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This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable - LAPFORD REVEL

For additional information contact: LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL Telephone: 01363 83047

Dated: FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024

Meg Booth
Director of Climate Change, Environment and
Transport, Devon Highways,
Devon County Council
County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD

Ref: TTRO2456146



REVEL PROGRAMME 2024

FANTASTICAL LAPFORD

A collage of four village characters. At the top left is a stone face carved into a rock. Below it is a wooden figure, possibly a saintly relic, holding a staff. To the right is a blue, chimeric creature with a large eye. At the bottom right is a green man. The background is a lush green forest with vines and leaves. There are also several small, glowing stars scattered around the characters.

This year's Revel theme is Fantastical Lapford. Above are just four of our village characters, with stories to tell. Look out for display panels at the Revel featuring some of the more unusual aspects of Lapford's past: from our ancient healing well, Green Man, chimera, savages, sacred grove and saintly relic, to our legends, tales of murder & ghost stories.

“ Numerous evils flowed through Devon, out of what are called revels when low, degrading pastimes were frequently indulged in: drinking, immodest dancing and impure song-singing were in the ascendant.

— Rev.O.Niell, who organised a mission in 1841 to address Lapford's 'moral condition'.



FRIDAY 5th

Church Green

Revel Crowning

Parade assembles in the school car park at 1715.

1730 Church Bells

1745 Bar, BBQ & Chips open

Procession via Eastington Lane, Blind Alley and Main Road to Church Green

1830 Revel Crowning Ceremony

+ Sweet Scramble

1930 Beltane Border Morris

The famous Border Morris Team and musicians bring to Lapford their shadowed faces and a taste of Devon's mysterious past. Don't expect hankies or bells!

2230 Last Orders

A kind reminder that children remain the responsibility of parents during the parade and evening.



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BELTANE BORDER MORRIS

INTRODUCTION

WITH DANCES EMERGING FROM THE MYTHS, LEGENDS AND WILDS OF DARTMOOR, BELTANE PROVE THAT MORRIS DANCING CAN BE OLDER THAN TRADITION. WITH SHADOWED FACES, TATTERED COATS AND BLACK TOP HATS, THE MUSICIANS AND DANCERS DRUM UP THE ENERGY OF THE MOOR AND SHARE SOMETHING ANCIENT AND MYSTERIOUS WITH ALL WHO WATCH.

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- MOST OF OUR REPERTOIRE IS SELF-PENNED, WRITTEN OVER THE WINTER MONTHS WITH OUR MUSICIANS
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Welcome to the dark side of folk

SATURDAY 6th

Lower Town Place

Revel Fayre

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Lower Town Place

Evening Revelry

Live Music, Bar, BBQ and Hot Chilli

1800 **Paul Adams** (our very own)

2000 **Stay Lucky** Live band. Revel into the night.



SUNDAY 7th

St Thomas' Church

Revel Service

1600 End-of-Revel service
themed on Fantastical Lapford

LAPFORD REVEL 2023

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Grand Prize Draw

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Ticket Price 50p

The draw will take place on Saturday 8th July 2023
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Prize draw by Mr Graham, near the village, Lapford 2023
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Draw Tickets on sale around the village
and at Revel Fayre

Competition



Make something fantastical to display outside your home over the Revel... a model creature, a fairy tree, a planted cauldron, perhaps? There will be a prize for the best on display.

The Revel King & Queen

King:	Casey, crowned by Austin
Queen:	Casey-May, crowned by Calley
Attendants:	
Year 5	Noah & Rose
Year 4	William & Izzy
Year 3	Zeph & Ebony
Year 2	William & Florence
Year 1	Reece & Grace
Year R	Dominic & Harper
Nursery	Roman & Louise

Thanks: The Revel Committee would like to thank all villagers who have contributed to this year's Revel. With special thanks to **Vectra Security Solution** for Revel security, **Rose Removals**, and **Roland Boatfield**.



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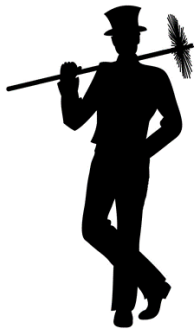
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QUEUING FOR AN ICE CREAM

Although he didn't smoke, grandad never went anywhere without the old tobacco tin in his pocket.

One day me and my brother asked him what he kept in it
'Some sand' grandad said.

'Why do you keep some sand in a tobacco tin?' we asked.

'Where else would I keep it?' he said.

'But why keep sand *at all*?' we asked.

'It's special sand,' grandad said, "it's come all the way from France".

We peered into his tin and stared for a while French sand didn't look very special, it looked like ordinary sand to us.

'Why's it so special?' we asked.

'Each grain represents an old friend of mine,' he said.

Grandad must have had a lot of friends, we thought.

'Did you go to the beach with them when *you* were a boy?' we asked.

'yes, something like that,' grandad said, snapping the lid shut, asking the man for three 99s, two with red sauce.

Brian Bilston

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES,

Lapford Parish Council met Tuesday 14th May in the Victory Hall

WHAT HAS THE PARISH COUNCIL DONE?

- Volunteers booked onto Chapter 8 training for the Road Warden scheme on the 24th July.
- New laptop for the clerk agreed to be replaced via the insurance.
- Lapford Neighbourhood plan meeting took place on the 29th April followed up by another meeting on the 15th May – further information to follow.
- Internal Audit has taken place and we have received excellent feedback in all areas.
- Village weed clearance is slowly taking place and we have their idea in the pipeline to continue making our village a cleaner, tidier place

WHAT WILL THE PARISH COUNCIL BE DOING IN THE COMING MONTHS?

- Refurbishing and repurposing the phone box after electrical disconnection.
- Aiming to clean the village signs and bus shelters in the upcoming months.
- Completing Chapter 8 Training and building a team of volunteers for the Road Warden scheme
- Re-planting and maintaining the village flower beds.

Full minutes and information from the meeting can be found on the Parish Council notice board, Website and in The ARK. If you would like to get involved with work planned around the village, please do get in touch. Our contact details can be found on the website and in the Lapford Lookout.

CHAWLEIGH COMMUNITY MARKET

is held on the third Saturday of the month (except January and February).

There are usually between 10 and 13 stalls selling a variety of goods, some locally made items, bread, meat etc.

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Could you become a councillor and help to improve our community?

We have a vacancy for a new councillor to join our proactive and forward-looking Parish Council.

The following are just a few of the desired qualities/expectations:

- Have a positive 'can do' attitude
- Attend monthly meetings
- Keep an open mind, and participate in discussions
- Willingness to learn, training will be provided
- Be able to 'think things through' and make decisions
- Good communication skills as you will be liaising with parishioners and other village groups
- Be prepared to get involved eg, litter pick, emergency planning, etc
- Be willing to help plan and participate in community events
- Take ownership and action items you have agreed to do
- Management, financial, legal, project management, or planning knowledge would be helpful
- Be a loyal team player and have a sense of humour!

A lot of work is undertaken between meetings, implementing the agreed actions, so you must be prepared to commit your time. This is especially important as development of the Neighbourhood plan will be very involved.

You will automatically become a Trustee of the Church Green. There will be an opportunity for all applicants to give a short presentation at a future council meeting, explaining why they wish to be considered, and to provide an opportunity for councillors to ask questions.

The final decision will be at the discretion of the council. If you have any questions or would like to talk about the vacancy, please contact any of the existing councillors, or the clerk.

Application forms are available from the clerk@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk, or by contacting any of the parish councillors.

Closing Date 30th June 2024

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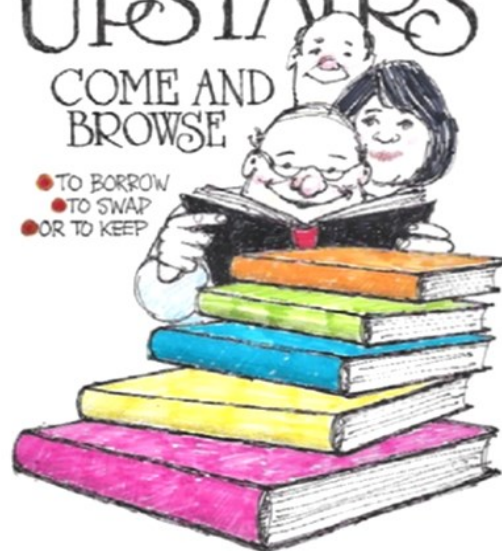
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We have included as many as we could but there are so many we just couldn't fit in.



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Do you have difficulty in getting to Crediton Library and carrying heavy books home to read? Would you like us to collect and deliver talking books, or large and normal printed ones of the kind that you enjoy, directly to your home free of charge? If so, I will be happy to help.



Crediton Library - Telephone: 01363 772578

DO YOU HAVE A DONOR CARD?

If so, it's actually no longer needed in England, Scotland and Wales, as you're automatically considered willing to be an organ donor unless you opt out. Yet do register your decision at www.organdonation.nhs.uk so your family know you consented / opted out (better still, discuss it with them).

PS: There are many worthwhile things you can be a donor for while living, including:

blood and plasma donation (www.blood.co.uk),

bone marrow donation (www.bbmr.co.uk),

stem cells-age 16-30-(www.anthonynolan.org/help-save-a-life)

and hair for young cancer patients

(www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-hair)

ASK A COUNCILLOR

A Parish Councillor wearing an identification badge will be present at each monthly Village Market in the Victory Hall. 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.

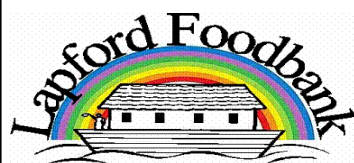


Lapford Parish Council

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE FOODBANK

We would be grateful for the following donations:

Coffee, Tea, Drinking Chocolate, Rice Pudding,
Custard, Tinned Fruit, Rice, Pasta, Pasta Sauces,
Tuna, Baked Beans, Tinned Meats, Tinned Tomatoes,
Vegetables, Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn, Soups,
Breakfast Cereals (not Porridge), Toilet Rolls.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE COPY DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LAPFORD LOOKOUT IS THE 14TH OF EACH MONTH

NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE



Donations can be made at
Boniface Centre, Crediton, on
Friday 12th July or Friday 23rd August
from 1.10 p.m.-7.15 p.m.
or at Chulmleigh Community College
on Tuesday 2nd August
from 12.50 p.m. to 6.25 p.m.



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

Do something amazing - Give Blood!

LAPFORD'S DEFIBRILLATORS



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

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There is another defibrillator at Rose Removals.
It can be found in the red telephone box
in front of the building.

Access through the front car park and up the
stairs, 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/lapfordparishcouncil



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
 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.



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:

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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.
Morchard Road	9.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
Copplestone	4.30 p.m.	11.15 a.m.

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

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LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



It has been a busy start to the final half term of the school year. The first three days saw our Year 5 and 6 children travel to Abbotsham for three days of 'Ultimate Adventure'. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to spend time away from home, get stuck into adventurous activities and build stronger relationships with their peers.



Day 1 was all about team building. The children took part in two team activities: buggy building and the egg drop challenge. After dinner, they experienced the ultimate assault course which was a highlight for many of the children. They clambered over objects, through tunnels and across nets before sliding into a tank, swinging across a pool and finally bouncing over two huge inflatable balls into water. It was a LOT of fun!



Day two began with a morning of ultimate frisbee and orienteering before spending the afternoon learning how to kayak and paddle board. Even the rain didn't dampen spirits as most of the children spent more time in the lake than on top of it!



The evening was all about the high ropes and despite some nervous children, everybody gave the lower course a try. After the low ropes we tackled the climbing wall which definitely looked easier from the ground than it felt when you were on the wall! Finally, the bravest (or craziest) members of Herons faced the 11m high rope course.

The final day was all about camp craft and we spent the morning building shelters in a nearby forest. After a final lunch we headed back to Lapford, exhausted but full of wonderful memories.

Vegington Gardens!

We have been running our gardening club now for just over half a term. The uptake has been wonderful with so many children wanting to participate. There was much work to be done though! First clearing our area and preparing the soil, deciding what to plant with the general consensus being vegetables. We are now starting to see the fruits (or in this case vegetables) of our labour; carrots, chard, courgettes and tomatoes and all are really starting to thrive (although our Lapford snails seem to have taken a fancy to our courgette plants!).



The children have worked so hard and we are all so proud of them, not only with their hard work, but also their knowledge of gardening, naming of plants, ideas and fence building!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our wonderful community who have kindly donated composters, tools, gloves, seeds and plants. These donations have

hugely enhanced the children's experience of gardening and are greatly appreciated. Thank you!



FLS

FLS (or Friends of Lapford School) are recruiting! Our small group of parents work tirelessly to organise fun events and fundraise for the school, but our team need more help. We are reaching out to members of the local community who may be able to offer an hour or two to help support the school. Perhaps you would be willing to bake a cake for a cake sale, or could help to run a stall at our next fayre. Perhaps you would like to share ideas for fundraising and would be willing to join our FLS committee. If you can help in any way, please do get in contact with the school on 01363 83292 or admin@lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk

Mrs J. Wright
Head of School

THE BIG HELP OUT AND VOLUNTEERING DAY



Thank you so much to all those who turned up in the morning to give time to litter picking around the village, weeding and maintaining the Orchard Centre. Lapford certainly looked better afterwards, and the Orchard Centre too will have a smart new door in due course.

Thank you also to our cook, Cllr Heal, for hot bacon and sausage butties at lunch time.

The Victory Hall was full of informative stalls set out by village groups for the afternoon, with delicious nibbles and wine provided by LADS and entertainment by the Handbell Ringers.

Sadly, only a few people came to enjoy all of this which had a very serious purpose. Happily, our village has many clubs and societies, providing care of local assets, services and the staging of events which contribute to a strong, vibrant community.



However, those groups can only thrive and organise events like the Revel, Pantomime, Youth Club, or support community assets such as the Playing Field or Victory Hall if people come forward to give a bit of regular time to meetings, taking minutes, arranging insurance, raising funds etc.



There are many rewards in working with a group – the company, sense of achievement, using skills already learnt and developing new ones. If you have time and enjoy the company of others why not look at page 26 of the Lapford Lookout and consider offering to be involved with one of the organisations listed there?

Lapford Parish Council

