

LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Year 28 Issue 6 June 2024

OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS OF THE 2024 - PROFRANCE



At 8-00 a.m. on the Church Green
The Proclamation will be 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 (more information on page 6).

Hot drinks and cake available.

Pre-Ordered Fish and Chips from the Mall Scoop
(see May Lapford Lookout for details).
Chips and Fish Fingers available from the Victory Hall.

6-15 pm 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 in the Victory Hall.

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 village has been decorated with poppies and bunting, flags are flying, and music will be played throughout the evening.

Subject to the weather there will be a WWII military vehicle on display.

There may also be another surprise!

EVERYONE WELCOME TO COMMEMORATE THIS IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY



FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The D Day Commemorations, Big Help Out Day, Volunteering Exhibition, Displays in The ARK, Open Gardens, Village Market, Quiz Night, Vintage Rally, etc. all take an enormous amount of effort to organise. Could we all please make a corresponding effort to support these events?

We are very lucky to live in such an active village.



DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

June

6th Commemoration of D Day Landings

7th Quiz at Congregational Church 8th Lapford's Big Help Out Day

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

11th Lapford Gardening Club at Hillcroft, 7.30pm11th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

14th Copy deadline for July Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm

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

15th Vintage Car Rally, Lapford Playing Field 12.00 - 5.30pm

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

18th Ladies of Lapford

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

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



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome



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



FUTURE DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

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 Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30 11th Nov 12th Nov Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm 14th Nov Copy deadline for Dec Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm Lapford & District Over 60 Club trip to Street 20th Nov Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00 23rd Nov 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 Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm 14th Jan Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm 11th Feb 11th Mar Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

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

LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

Thanks go to Ron Harle for explaining to us about apple grafting last month. He told us about the different types of rootstock which are available to use, depending on the final size of tree required. Ron then demonstrated the technique

that he has had success with and let us loose to try for ourselves on some material that he had brought along. He explained that it was really too late in the year for grafting, but as he had some scions left over it was worth a try.



Lapford used to be surrounded by orchards, perhaps more apple trees will be springing up in a year or two.

Warren Clayburn has invited us to join him in his garden at Hillcroft this month. Hopefully his studio will also be open and we shall be able to see some of his wood carving.

Hillcroft Tuesday 11th June at 7.30 p.m.

LAPFORD LOOKOUT DELIVERY PERSON REQUIRED

A volunteer delivery person is required for the distribution of the Lapford Lookouts 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

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU

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

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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 2nd 9.30 a.m. Trinity 1 Lay Led Morning Prayer Sunday 9th 9.30 a.m. Trinity 2 Lay Led Morning Prayer Weds 12th 10.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion. All welcome Sunday 16th 9.30 a.m. Trinity 3 Lay Led Morning Prayer Sunday 23rd 9.30 a.m. Trinity 4 **Common Worship Eucharist**

Sunday 30th 10.00 a.m. Trinity 5 **Mission Community Eucharist at Morchard Bishop**



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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:

2nd Roy Sambles

9th Visitor from LAMA House

16th Cat Seymour

23rd youth led All Age Service 30th Jun 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.



Lapford Weather April 2024

Slightly milder than average thanks to some mild cloudy nights. Slightly wetter than average.

The warmest day was the 12th with a maximum of 19.1°C and the coolest was the 26th with a maximum of 9.6 °C. The coldest night was on the 18th with a minimum air temperature of 0.1°C and a grass frost of -4.6 °C. The last three months have been milder and wetter than average, but nothing record breaking in this part of the country.

Total rainfall was 67.3 mm. The wettest day was the 1st with 12.0 mm.

The windiest day was shared by the 8th and the 15th both of which recorded gusts of 48 m.p.h.



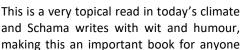
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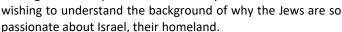
LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Belonging – The Story of the Jews 1492 – 1900 by Simon Schama

This is a huge book, 692 pages not including the extra pages of notes and further reading. I regret that I was unable to read all the way through, but it is a remarkable cultural history of the Jewish people, extending from Spain to Venice, Georgian

England to Ukraine and the gold mines of California. Although the many hardships endured are covered, there are so many colourful and positive characters described that the overall impression is of positivity in the face of persistent adversity.





Suzy Mann



MINTED CARROTS WITH HONEY

Peel or scrape carrots and cut into batons or wedges. Steam until just tender then tip into a serving dish. To 1lb (500g) of steamed carrots gently stir in ½ oz (10g) butter, and a teaspoon of honey, sprinkle with chopped mint and serve. These go well with roast



Paul Cleave



LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)

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

Thursday June 20th

Marion and Sandra will talk about their mothers who both had connections to royalty

Thursday July 18th

Ladies of Lapford Town Trail Details to be confirmed

We always welcome new members.

TWELFTH NIGHT -**REIMAGINED AS A MUSIC FESTIVAL** SHAKESPEARE IN THE SQUARE CREDITON

Crediton will, once again, host a large outdoor Shakespeare production. This time, Twelfth Night will be performed from 3rd – 6th July in the town square.



Shakespeare in the Square is a well

established tradition in Crediton, started in 1995 by the formidable duo of Peter Hamilton (artistic director) and Rod Brookes Hocking (producer). Both men unfortunately died within weeks of each other in 2022. Their creative talent and energy are much missed by the community, but their spirit lives on, and a new team has taken up the mantle of the challenge.

Twelfth Night is a joyous romp of a play, women dress up as men, everyone falls in love with someone who is someone else, there is much hilarity as the haughty Malvolio gets his comeuppance from the spiteful but clever Maria. But in the tradition of a good Shakespeare comedy (twins, shipwreck, you know the score!) all is resolved happily in the end.

Support for the show has come from the Town Council, Mid Devon and Devon County Council. So come along and enjoy a night of confusion, merriment and great fun.

The show runs from 3rd to 6th July at 7.30pm on the Square in Crediton.

Tickets from https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DGUW









NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE ARK ...

As part of local activities to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, The Ark has a display of 23 printed posters telling Lapford's WW2 Story. It features quotes from those who experienced wartime Lapford firsthand. There are even contributions from two of the last surviving refugees to Lapford (both now in their mid-nineties) who were

At the outbreak of WW2, Lapford was a much smaller community than it is today—so, imagine the change to village life when a military

The base supported hundreds of men over the course of the war, and managed searchlight operations between Tiverton and Okehampton. There was a regular flow of lorries, trucks and motorcycles, day and night—a quite dramatic change for a village still more used to the passage of horses, carts and bicycles! Lapford's military base is just one aspect of the war covered in the display.

Other posters include:

- The Last Survivor of *The Great Escape*
- Village Graffiti—written as war was declared, and still to be found on display in the village today!
- Ambrosia, and how the Lapford factory saved countless lives
- 'Lapford!', a poignant poem by a respected wartime poetwritten following the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor
- Lapford School: The Day We Caught a Barrage Balloon
- A Bridge Too Far (Lapford connections)

- **Evacuee Memories**
- Remains of the Bomb Store
- Lapford ATS Girls
- Postcards from Lapford
- Lapford Incognito
- D-Day

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- When the Village Danced to a Different Beat
- **Excerpts from Lapford School Logbook**
- Lapford's Home Guard Platoons
- A Lapford Land Girl

- Lives Lost

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Dick Churchill (1920-2019) last survivor of The Great Escape

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.		

LADIES OF LAPFORD

Ladies go to work on an egg.

Another Thursday night and we were gathered expectantly at The ARK nattering as usual, if, in some cases, a little uncertainly. We had been told we were going to do something arty and there were those among us who were not too confident about our own artistic abilities. Ruth brought us all to order (not easy when we are chattering) and told us we didn't need to worry; the aim was to enjoy ourselves and experiment.



She started to explain that she wanted to get us thinking about light and shade. She told us that we tend to be distracted by the colours we see and encouraged us all to squint through narrowed eyes to reduce the amount of colour we saw and notice the shadows that were being cast. (I hope no-one peered into The ARK as we all sat there with scrunched up faces!) She produced paper and long thin charcoal sticks as well as rubbers and finally opened up some egg boxes. Our task was to capture the egg by using shading. The bit that worried me was that the eggs were not hard boiled. I had visions of scrambled egg everywhere!

The room fell quiet as people concentrated on positioning their egg safely and trying out the charcoal. We were encouraged to start by using the sticks on one side of the paper beginning with some very dark shading then grading the shading as we went up the paper until it was almost white at the top. We very quickly found ourselves with grey smudges on our hands and on whatever we touched. Ruth told us to keep looking back and forth with quick glances between the egg and the paper. The aim was not to draw it with lines but to use the shading to create the shape. As she pointed out nothing actually has lines as such it's just that the shapes suggest lines to our untrained eyes. Because we were under several lights in The ARK, our eggs had shadows that crossed over each other going in different directions and making some areas extra dark. It was interesting how you saw more, the more you looked. We were also attempting to catch how the light bounced off the egg making some very light patches. Concentration was intense. It was not easy, especially as our hands themselves became more and more covered in varying shades of black making it hard to avoid adding extra smudges of shade where they weren't meant to be. Gradually eggs emerged, some more recognizable than others.

Ruth moved around with words of praise and encouragement. As usual, we found that there was some natural talent in the room and some who perhaps had their original doubts confirmed. It didn't matter that not all of us were budding artists. The important thing was that we had tried something new and fun. As far as I was concerned, another bonus was that we managed it all without having to clear up any scrambled egg at the end.

Sue Raffill

PUZZLE CORNER ANSWERS - THE MAY QUIZ

- 1. What dance is associated with May Day? Maypole dance
- 2. In May 1927 Charles Lindbergh made the first solo transatlantic non-stop flight in which plane? Spirit of St. Louis
- 3. On 1st May 1707 the Act of Union joined which 2 kingdoms together? England & Scotland
- 4. What date marks V-E day? 8th May 1945
- 5. In which year on 24th May did Queen Victoria becomes queen? 1837
- 6. On 1st May of what year was the Penny Black, the first official adhesive postage stamp, issued in the UK? 1840
- 7. On 5th May 1930, Amy Johnson was the first woman to fly solo from Croydon, where was her destination? *Darwin, Australia*
- 8. On 25th May 1967 Celtic became the first British football team to win the European Cup, who did they beat? Inter Milan
- 9. On 1st May 1851, Queen Victoria opened what in London? The Great Exhibition
- 10. On 5th May 1961, who was the first American to travel into outer space? Alan Shepard
- 11. In which year on 22nd May did the Wars of the Roses begin? 1455
- 12. On 1st May 1994 which 3 times World Formula 1 champion was killed in the San Marino Grand Prix? Ayrton Senna
- 13. On 6th May 1937 the Hindenburg airship burst into flames whilst attempting to moor up where? New Jersey
- 14. On 2nd May 1969 an iconic British ocean liner set off on its maiden voyage to New York. What was it called? QE 2
- 15. Roger Bannister was the first man to run the mile in under 4 minutes on 6th May of which year? 1954
- 16. On 3rd May 1960 the Anne Frank House museum opened in which European city? Amsterdam
- 17. What did John Francis attempt to do at Constitution Hill on 29th May 1847? Assassinate Queen Victoria
- 18. On 5th May 1821, who died in exile on the island of St Helena? Emperor Napoleon
- 19. The Bank of England underwent the most significant change in its 300 Year history on 6th May 1997. What changed? *Granted independence from political control*
- 20. Workers of the United Kingdom went on general strike on 4th May of which year? 1926

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES,

The Parish Council met on 16th April in The Orchard Centre.

WHAT HAS THE PARISH COUNCIL DONE

- Provided funding towards LYPFT insurance premium for 2024.
- A Cllr attended the State of the District debate and found that it was an interesting event and covered a wide range of subjects.
- Finger posts ready for collection on 17th April.
- Telephone box electrics to be disconnected on 2nd May.
- Full permission from The SPAR owner to fit a new defibrillator to the side of the shop currently looking at funding options, aiming to complete by October 2024.
- Road Warden scheme equipment costs are being covered by a grant.
- NS&I savings account for LPC is currently £20,000+, looking to transfer to a savings account with better interest rate and better access.
- Cllr Lumsdon volunteered to be the parish council representative on the HOLD board next meeting 17th May @ 4pm.
- The new grit bin has been sited in Highfield and will be filled soon.
- The Church Green Trust has been granted £1500 to support the ongoing maintenance of the green.
- Brainstorming Neighbourhood Plan meeting took place on 29th April @ 7pm.
- Replaced the locks on the Orchard Centre due to difficulties with the lock.
- Cllrs completed First Aid Training with Roy Trevaskis meaning that the village will have several first aiders to hand in any event.

WHAT WILL THE PARISH COUNCIL BE DOING IN THE COMING MONTHS

- Refurbishing and repurposing the Phone Box after electrical disconnection.
- Village weed clearance being discussed and waiting on response from community workforce.
- 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.

ORCHARD CENTRE

- Wash down and repainting the Orchard Centre.
- Orchard Centre toilet door to be repaired and painted.
- Toilet handrails to be refurbished.
- Emergency cord in toilet to be removed as not working.
- Gutter above entrance to be sealed.
- Tiles into Orchard Centre are going to be painted with anti-slip paint.
- Looking for a sign for the Orchard Centre.
- Interior to be tidied up and notice boards replaced.

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 works planned around the village please do get in touch. Our contact details can be found on the website and in the Lapford Lookout.



LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

Lapford Village Show will take place on Saturday 7th September in the Victory Hall and we'd like to encourage as many folk as possible to enter. Entries can be dropped off between 9-11.00 a.m. on the day of the show, after which Judging will take place. In the afternoon everyone will be able to come and see the



entries and stop for a cuppa, times are yet to be confirmed.

Rachael Clayburn and Heidi Becker Show Secretaries



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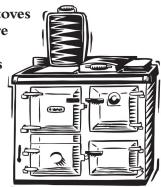
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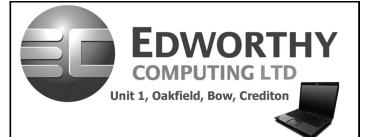
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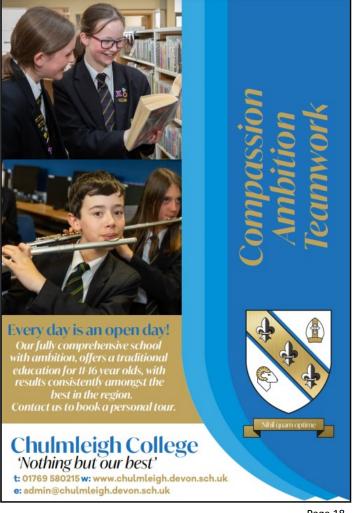
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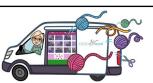
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Thursday 6th June

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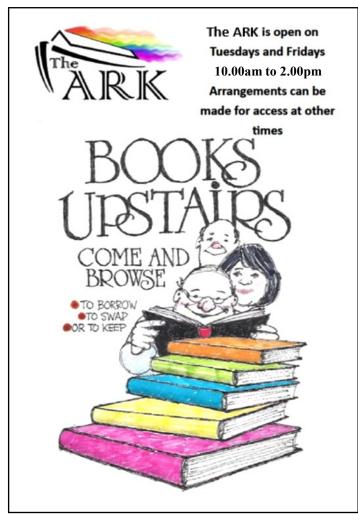


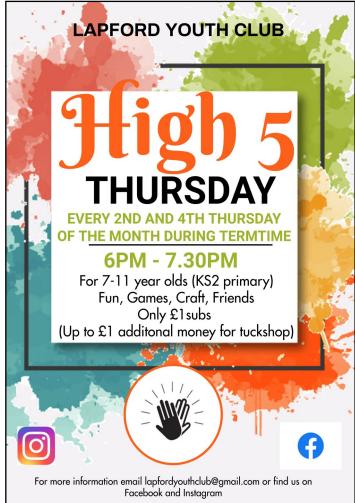


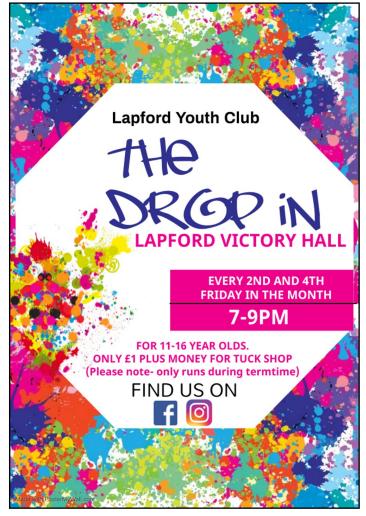












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Please, not another wet summer!

As I write this at the end of a wet and windy April, ACE is looking forward to the summer and our annual dig. We are hoping that it won't be as wet as last year. I've just been proof reading the interim report. We spent a lot of time sitting in the mess tent watching the rain pouring down outside. Our dig director writes an interim report every year and that will soon be available on our website. Talking of websites, ours goes on in leaps and bounds thanks to the new website member.

We went to Wells to show off some of our pottery from our dig near Winkleigh and we are now hoping that a couple of members of the Medieval Pottery Research Group will be coming soon to look at our 2000+ sherds of pottery to help us date it.

A new project has started. Looking at old roads in mid Devon and seeing how they fit with the idea of drove roads. We are looking at two routes in particular, although probably finding others while we do that. So, if you find yourselves on a little

road behind some people who seems to be stopping for no apparent reason and leaping out of the vehicle to stand and stare and take photos, please be patient with them! Of course we



have found ourselves looking at old maps, thinking about the wool trade, old markets and now the Enclosures Acts have come into my mind. But I'm trying to ignore them as we cannot do it all.

Dates. Our dig dates for this year are - 13th July to 11th August. No one has to do the whole period. If you want to try it out or get back into archaeology after a break you would be welcome. Unfortunately for insurance reasons we cannot have under 16s on site.

The Open Day will be 27th July (weather permitting!). Come along and have a look at what we are doing, tea and cake available. More information will be available on the website and our Facebook page and in posters etc around the area nearer the date.

On 18th July we will be at Winkleigh Community Fair. We will have with us Cressida Whitton, Devon County Historic Environment Officer, who is hoping to get some projects up and running around Winkleigh as part of the Monuments Management Scheme. Come and talk to us. We may also have some visitors from our dig later in the day with any interesting finds fresh from the ground!

Erica Williamson (May 2024)

https://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com/ and Facebook

LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been so lovely to finally see a little sun over the past couple of weeks. The children have been making the most of our amazing

grounds and taking their learning outside at every opportunity. During the past few weeks, we have been thinking about what our school value of 'ambition' is all about and learning how we can demonstrate ambition in our learning.



Our youngest children in Robins have been demonstrating their determination to become successful

writers. Their current topic is 'Knights and Castles' and all the children have loved learning facts, creating crafts and role



playing around this theme. However the children in Reception have absolutely blown us away with their ambitious writing! Each child has created their own nonfiction book, writing full sentences with accurate punctuation and using their phonics to sound out unfamiliar words. What an achievement at this point in the year!

This week our Year 6 pupils are sitting their Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests or SATs. This can be a daunting time for Year 6 pupils but we have been so impressed with the attitude in which the children have approached these tests. They have taken it all in their stride and continued to give their best throughout the week. One child even asked if we could do more tests next week (but I think they were referring to the special SATs breakfast we have laid on for them all week!)

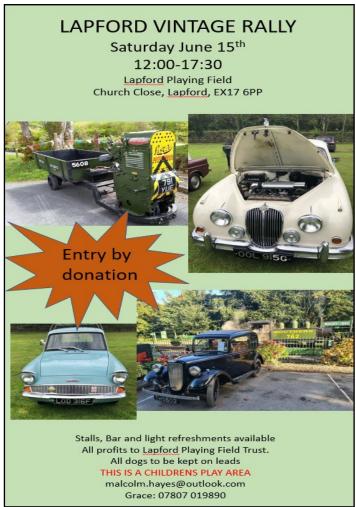
It's not just the children in school community our demonstrating ambition. Last month, a group of parents, children and staff came to school on weekend to get stuck in with Parent Power – working together to improve the school grounds. The school was a hive of activity with flower beds weeded and turned over, Squirrel's Hide cleaned, the wild paths strimmed, sheds painted

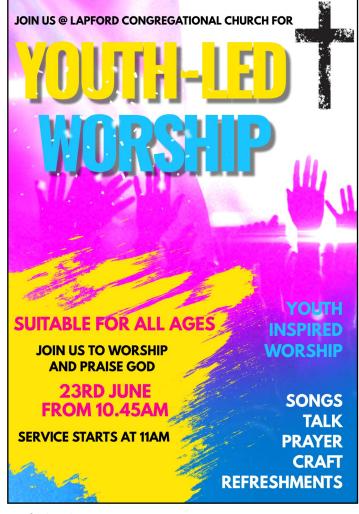


and the grounds having a much-needed tidy up. We also managed to build and prepare the sand pit, build a water zone in the Nest, and create a rope swing and tyre stepping zones on the field! It was a very busy and productive day and I am delighted by the ambition demonstrated by the whole school community to make our village school the best it can be.

Mrs J. Wright Head of School









CHULMLEIGH FLORAL ART CLUB

Our monthly meeting for June is at 19.30 on 19th June. Our demonstrator that evening will be Sheila Hadlow-Mount from

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ENTENTE CORDIALE 2024



On May Day the banner of Normandy flew outside the Victory Hall alongside that of Devon as 22 eager French visitors from Grainville-Langannerie were welcomed in the Victory Hall by Sue Briant-Evans on behalf of the Parish Council with a short speech and in French. Thank you Sue for the Civic Welcome. And thank you Google Translate which was very helpful over the next few days!



The guests then dispersed to their hosts to settle in and enjoy a relaxing evening meal together followed by a late start on the Thursday after the 18 hour journey.

The first 'visit' – Rull Orchard near Bickleigh - required good map reading. This small independent operation produces a good variety of ciders in various shades of sweetness from the surrounding trees, including an excellent dry sparkling. They also do a selection of traditional perries. Added to this was a tasting of award-

winning Devon cheeses accompanied by local biscuits. The trip up into the orchards was a touch muddy and the composting toilet intriguing!

After a quick trip home to refresh the whole entourage decamped to the Waie Inn for an excellent three course dinner. The assembled company were well entertained by the very talented Steve Panter, with the more energetic kicking off their shoes and strutting their stuff. No names, but there are definitely some great rock and roll dancers in Normandy!



On Friday we all set off to Castle Drogo – something of a surprise to the French as it is far from being a traditional medieval castle, such as they know from nearby Caen and Falaise. The exhibits in the children's rooms were of particular interest to our visitors.



Friday evening was a profuse buffet supper at the Bowling Club in North Tawton followed by a very competitive quiz and a raffle. Many thanks to all those who contributed food to fill the tables and prizes for the bi-lingual quiz. The balcony overlooking the green provided a wonderful sunny spot for the whole group photograph.



Saturday's trip was to the Taw Brewery to admire the medieval house with its Tudor features and the traditional brewery in the threshing barn with the tower that may once have been a cider press. The spring that the brewery uses is in a 400 year old structure, listed at Grade 2*. It has never run dry and nor did the ales and ciders that were happily sampled in beautiful sunshine.

In the evening we held a farewell supper at Lapford Mill. Then (sadly) early on the Sunday morning we waved them goodbye.

We look forward to the return visit to Normandy next year, maintaining a tradition that now goes back over 50 years.

If you would like to know more and perhaps become involved, please contact: Helen Perry via helenp1703@gmail.com.

An especially big thank you to Helen (and Pete) for a wonderfully well organised event!



LAPFORD'S BIG HELP OUT

Lend a hand. Make a change.



Saturday 8th June

THE BIG HELP OUT—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 - 12.00 noon

Everyone is 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?

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. 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 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. Perhaps you might consider volunteering yourself. 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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU - 4.30 p.m.

Lapford Lookout Volunteers thank you Tea Party at The ARK

Lapford Mill Open Days, Music, Theatre, Events & Good Grub!





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High Days & Holidays!
Please see Facebook or website for details



Thursdays

Bar & Music Night 6.30pm

Musicians and non-musicians alike! Come and join in if you feel like it.

HOT SNACKS available 8-10pm

Fridays

Bar 6.30pm - 11.30pm

HOT SNACKS available 8-10pm

Saturdays, All Day

BREAKFAST from 9.30am to 2pm BAR from midday to 11.30pm.

HOT SNACKS available 8-10pm

Sundays

BREAKFAST from 9.30am to 2pm BAR from midday to 6pm

Open Air Theatre 2024

June

Peter Pan ~ Saturday, June 15th 4:30 pm (Darcie acoustic from 2pm) A Winter's Tale ~ Friday, June 21st 7:00 pm

July

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

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!

June Music & Bands 2024

Sunday 2nd - Caddick & Parkes 1pm swing & jazz
Sunday 16th Father's Day! - Smooth Criminals Kernow 1pm
Saturday 29th - Mawgan Stott 8.30pm Jazz, Songbook & Musicals
Sunday 15th - Darcie 2-4pm Acoustic songwriter - Peter Pan preshow
July

Sunday 14th - Hot Club of Stonehouse 1pm Swingin' Gipsy Jazz

Find us on Facebook or website for latest details of music evenings and further events at @LapfordMill

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