



# Quiz night

**Saturday 29 March 2025**  
**Victory Hall, Lapford**

**7pm for a 7.30pm start**

**Teams of 6, £8 a person**

**Sausage roll, wedges & cakes**

**Bring your own alcohol, soft drinks to buy**

**Entries by 24 March to Sue Briant-Evans**

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**Tel: 01363 83763**



**Proceeds to support  
the 2025 Lapford Revel**





## MRS PEARL COLGRAVE



Pearl Colgrave was born in 1941 in Cheriton Bishop and was an only child to Bill and Margery Lockyer. From an early age she loved horses and had some of her own which she rode daily. She would often tell us of her adventures while out riding. Pearl and her family moved to Lapford in 1976 and lived in Bella Vista for many years, and this was where she ran the Doctors' surgery. The Doctor used the living room and the waiting area was in her dining room and then in the evenings prescriptions were collected. The Doctors then moved to the Victory Hall and Pearl ran that and was well loved for her cheery welcome.



Sadly in her latter years she had dementia which she fought bravely but she never forgot she wanted to be taken to church in a horse drawn carriage for her funeral so her family gave her her last wish and she was taken on the 31st January 2025 to Lapford Church in style. She was loved dearly by her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sharon Rice



Photos courtesy of Steve Keable and Mrs Colgrave's Family





## DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

### March 2025

- 1st The ARK open day, 10am—12pm
- 3rd Victory Hall AGM, in the Victory Hall, 7.30pm
- 11th Lapford Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 14th Copy deadline for April Lapford Lookout, 6.00pm
- 18th Ladies of Lapford and Lapford Gardening Club, The Healing Garden, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 22nd LVCA Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 29th Revel Quiz, Victory Hall

### April 2025

- 8th Lapford Youth Club AGM, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 12th Lapford Dog Club walk for Stand up to Cancer, Heywood
- 15th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 17th Ladies of Lapford, Crafting with Beccy, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 18th LYPFT AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.00pm
- 26th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

### Future Dates

- 1st May Devon County Council elections
- 8th May Lapford's VE Day Commemorations
- 13th May Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 15th May Ladies of Lapford, 'Ladies of Lapford', a talk by David Garton, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 17th May LYPFT Car Boot Sale, Playing Field, 10.00am
- 24th May Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 10th Jun Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit
- 19th Jun Ladies of Lapford, Fun Quiz, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 22nd June Lapford Dog Club 30th anniversary at Lapford Mill
- 28th Jun LYPFT Vintage Rally, Playing Field, 12 noon
- 28th Jun Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 8th Jul Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit
- 11th, 12th, 13th Jul - Lapford Revel
- 17th Jul Ladies of Lapford, Outdoor Event TBC, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 26th Jul Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 12th Aug Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit
- 23rd Aug LYPFT Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 3rd Sept Lapford Gardening Club Village Show
- 6th Sept LYPFT Car Boot Sale, Playing Field, 10.00 am
- 18th Sep Ladies of Lapford, Skittles at the Waie Inn
- 27th Sep Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 14th Oct Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 25th Oct LVCA Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 11th Nov Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 22nd Nov LYPFT Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 24th Nov Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 9th Dec Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm

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

### LABOURER WANTED

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## Chulmleigh & District Garden Society

Monday 10th March

Ponds  
&  
Water Gardening

With  
Becca Flintham

7.30pm

Chulmleigh  
Town Hall

Guests £3.00

New Members Welcome

Email

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### LAPFORD VOLUNTARY CAR AID



Will be running the Monthly Market  
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Stalls £5

Please call Grace on 07807019890 to book.

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## Lapford Weather Review

### Lapford Weather January 2025

Colder and wetter than average.

The mildest day was the 5<sup>th</sup> with a maximum of 13.4°C and the coolest was the 8<sup>th</sup> with a maximum of 2.3°C. The coldest night was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a minimum temperature of -3.7°C. The grass temperature on this night dropped to -9.5°C.

Total rainfall for the month was 146.7 mm. The wettest day was the 4<sup>th</sup> with 40.9 mm. This was the wettest January day I have recorded.

The windiest day was the 23<sup>rd</sup> with a gust of 49 m.p.h.

Andy Epstein



### LAPFORD LOOKOUT

Contributions welcome

**lapfordlookout@gmail.com**

Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:

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





**CHURCHES TOGETHER  
in LAPFORD**  
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**FAMILY SERVICE** at  
**9.30 a.m.** on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>  
at the Parish Church



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#### Services:

Sunday March 2nd - Last before Lent 9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer  
Wednesday March 5th - Ash Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Mission Community Eucharist at Coldridge  
Sunday March 9th - First in Lent 9.30 a.m. Service of Penitence and Faith (Lay Led)  
Wednesday March 12th 10.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion (1662 service)  
Sunday March 16th - Second in Lent 9.30 a.m. Service of Penitence and Faith (Lay Led)  
Sunday March 23rd - Third in Lent 9.30 a.m. Common Worship Eucharist  
Sunday March 30th - MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30 a.m. CHURCHES TOGETHER Mother's Day Service  
with Posies, Simnel Cake and refreshments

### 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:

2nd March	Dave Taylor preach Deacon led
9th March	(all age service) Cat Seymour
16th March	Merril Archer Church AGM and Meeting
23rd March	No Service
30th March	Mothering Sunday at the Parish Church

### LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### Contacts:

Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666**

**www:** [lapfordcc.org.uk](http://www.lapfordcc.org.uk)

#### Services:

The Church 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.





## PRESS RELEASE

### Local Dog Club donates £500 to K9 Focus to support animal welfare.

Local pet charity K9Focus in North Devon has just received a donation of £500 from Lapford Dog Club.

Lapford Dog Club has around 50 members. The Club specialises in promoting the training and welfare of dogs of any breed for the purposes of competition or as a companion. Each year they choose a charity to donate to and this year was the turn of K9Focus.

Fundraising money came in from their Christmas raffle and their annual Lapford Dog Club Charity Calendar sales. The raffle consisted of many dog related gifts, from dog beds to tuggy toys and plenty of treats.



Miss March is Tarka the Flat Coated Retriever

Lapford Dog Club teamed up once more with local pet photographer Fiona Crawford who took photos of members' dogs for their charity calendar.

K9 Focus is a registered rescue, re-homing and rehabilitation charity, of both cats and dogs, together with promoting animal welfare in the Devon community.



Mr May is Fingal of Stoney Park

Sara Thurgood, Chairperson for Lapford Dog Club says 'we picked K9Focus as our local charity to receive the donation this year because of the amazing work they do. We were all concerned when North Devon Animal Ambulance had to close, so we wanted to help a charity in that area specifically this year'.

Lynne Hall, founder of K9 Focus says 'the funds will help our long-term sustainability, especially with things like vet bills. The cost of a vaccination is now in the region of £90, our vet bills from October to December 2024 were just over £9K. Food and bedding is often donated by individuals and businesses so it is financial help that is most needed. The bottom line is without fund raisers we would not survive.

K9 Focus has a great schedule of events in 2025 – with seven dog shows already in the diary, a bingo night, a tattoo day and a music night. They are also putting together a fund-raising pack so that people can run their own events for K9 Focus'.

If you think you could help K9 Focus get in touch with Lynne via their website. <https://www.k9focus.co.uk>

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## VICTORY HALL

The hall is an important facility in the village and is available for all to use at a very reasonable rate. We have a good size hall and a fully equipped kitchen.

We are coming into the lighter nights and hopefully better weather so our outside space is also available that can be used in conjunction with the hall. If you require any further information you can look on our website [Lapfordvictoryhall.co.uk](http://Lapfordvictoryhall.co.uk) or contact Darren on [darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk)



Alternatively we have our AGM on the 3rd March 7.30 in the Victory Hall.

## LAPFORD GARDENING CLUB

Plant supports were the subject of February's meeting. Ron Harle and Sandra Munday demonstrated supports that they had made from willow and other materials. Sandra kindly brought along different plant material, beech, dogwood and wisteria prunings, and much fun was to be had in weaving them together to make a support. After nearly two hours of concentration and chatter, everyone went home with their own individual design, ready to put to use in the Spring.



## NEWS FROM LAPFORD DOG CLUB

Its been a busy time at the Dog Club. We've had Christmas parties both human and doggy, and three agility shows over the past few months. The obedience group continues to meet weekly at the Victory Hall, whilst agility is held indoors at Serstone. When the weather and daylight improves we shall be able to make use of the field at Serstone. Further information about training can be found on our website ([www.lapforddogclub.co.uk](http://www.lapforddogclub.co.uk)).



The Club will be organising a fund raising walk for Stand up to Cancer at Heywood, starting from main car park, on Saturday 12th April from 10.30. Everyone welcome whether two or four legged. Refreshments will be available.

Finally the Club is planning to celebrate its' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a tea party at Lapford Mill on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. More details to be published nearer the time.

## LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)



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

**Tuesday 18th March**

Dr Teheri will tell us about the Bow Well Being Garden

***\*\*Please note the change of day This meeting is being held in conjunction with the Gardening Club***

**Thursday 17th April**

Crafting with Beccy

We always welcome new members.

Come and join us!

## KICK START ART

### A NEW ART PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

Crediton Heart Project is proud to announce a new and exciting community art project. The project is called Kick Start Art and is for all school aged children living in Crediton and its surrounding villages. It is led by Linda Williamson, a recently retired teacher who worked in local schools for the past 30 years. Linda and the Crediton Heart Project are passionate about art and started this project to inspire and enthuse children to create art, try some new techniques, learn about a range of artists and most importantly to have fun and enjoy the process!

For any of you who enjoyed the TV shows *Take Hart* or *Art Attack*, the idea is similar: each term, Linda will set an art challenge. She will share the challenge with Queen Elizabeth Academy and all of its feeder primary schools, who will then share the information with the children and their parents. Schools, parents and children can access all of the information, resources and ideas on the Heart Project's website: [www.creditoninandaround.co.uk/kick-start-art](http://www.creditoninandaround.co.uk/kick-start-art) Scan the QR code below to go directly to the website.

The website includes teaching videos, links to artists and resources to support the project. This term's project is Still Life. Children are encouraged to watch Linda's video to get ideas and hopefully they will be inspired to create their own still life. If they wish, the children can enter their art work into the termly competition which will be judged by Linda and a group of QE Key Stage 4 students. The winners will receive prizes and their work will be displayed around the town, on social media and on the Heart Project website.

Why don't you visit the website and learn more about the project, learn about the mascot, Dan and the project logo, discover how they were designed by QE students and, finally, try to encourage our young people to pick up a pencil or paintbrush and take part!



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Lapford Youth Club Management Committee

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8th April 2025

7.30 p. m. - The ARK

## CELEBRATING STUDENT VOLUNTEERING WEEK

People often think of volunteers as being retired professionals but at CA TNMWD we have a number of students volunteering with us. February 10<sup>th</sup>. – 16<sup>th</sup>. is Student Volunteering Week when the charity as a whole celebrates the work of its student volunteers.

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Students benefit from the training they receive from us and the interaction with clients, staff and fellow volunteers helps build confidence to stand them in good stead when they enter the workplace in their chosen field. To have volunteer experience with Citizens Advice looks impressive on their CV as employers recognise the benefits of volunteering with us and it reflects well on an individual who has taken steps to widen their own experience whilst helping people in their community.

Whilst learning about the problems people have with debt, energy, housing and all the other types of problems they bring to us and seeing how we advise people is quite an eye opener for young people who are often themselves, embarking on a more independent way of life.

As a student volunteer, there is the chance to witness at first hand potential career opportunities within our charity, not only in terms of advisory work, but in the areas of marketing, IT, finance and general administration. There are often opportunities within our specialist services which cover a wide range of issues and not forgetting our advocacy work with our research and campaigns as we strive to make society fairer by addressing inequalities and injustice.

It is also worth remembering that our clients are of all ages and walks of life and it may be that a younger client would relate better to a student volunteer. Our paid staff and volunteers have very varied backgrounds and experience and whilst we are dealing with serious problems in people's lives, being able to help them is very satisfying and ours is a very friendly and relaxed working atmosphere.

Have we piqued your interest? Would you like to find out more about us and the work we do? There is a wealth of information on our website [www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk) or you can email [recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk) We would love to hear from you and it might just open up a whole new world for you!

If you are experiencing problems and could do with our help, you could also visit the website which has a lot of practical guidance and useful links or you could ring our free, local AdviceLine on **0808 27 87 999**.



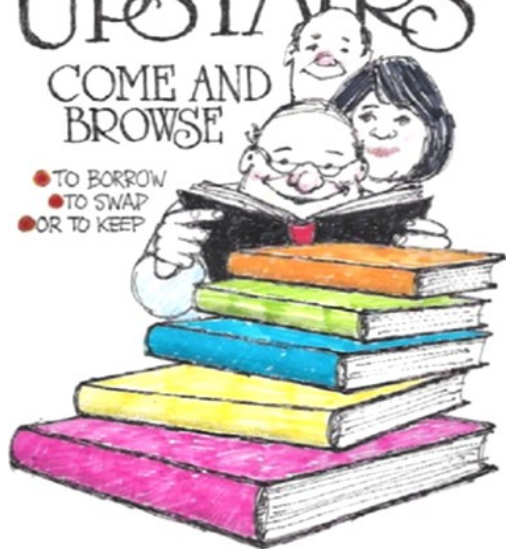


The ARK is open on  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
10.00am to 2.00pm  
Arrangements can be  
made for access at other  
times

## BOOKS UPSTAIRS

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- TO SWAP
- OR TO KEEP



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Website**

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**Could this be you?**

### LADIES GET INVENTIVE

We met up in January for our annual games' night. Nibbles and mulled wine were on offer but the usual hot ARK drinks were also in demand since it was chilly outside.

Our group was divided into two teams and the first game was laid out. Participants peered at the cards that were being laid out with puzzled frowns. Unfortunately, if anything, they seemed even more puzzled after the first attempt to explain the rules and aims. If anyone knows Codewords, they will probably remember that it seems a bit baffling at first. Nothing daunted, our members decided that the way to learn was to have a go. Two slightly reluctant volunteers took their places as the ones to provide clues to their team, in the hope that they would come up with the correct answers by picking the right cards. In this game you can only give one word as your clue so understandably our volunteers struggled a bit at first and were very cautious but gradually became bolder and quite inventive and tension mounted as the teams discussed what they thought the answers should be. We played a couple of rounds by which time everyone was getting the hang of it but also finding it quite challenging to be clue giver. I had a sense that volunteers might be in short supply for that job so we decided refreshments were needed followed by a different game.

After the break we played a simple game that involved one person leaving the room while everyone else decided on a word, say a bicycle, piece of clothing, a pet, which the person outside had to guess. When they came back in, they could ask each person the question 'How's yours?' and each person had to answer honestly saying something about the thing of that type that they owned but without giving too much away. If you didn't have one, you could picture and describe one belonging to a friend. This game progressed smoothly with some cleverly cryptic answers and some good guessing. Then came the round when things fell apart. This was when the guesser received the answer (said with a mischievous chuckle) 'Mine vibrates', the next person volunteered, sadly, 'I only have a manual one' and the next offered a bright and cheery 'I use mine twice a day!'. These answers, coupled with statements describing it as 'soft' and 'a bit frayed round the edges from too much use' caused serious doubt in the mind of the guesser and much amusement for everyone else. Order was only restored when the guesser discovered the word was a very unexciting 'toothbrush'.

It was an enjoyable evening with our members giving free rein to their lively imaginations. I just hope people didn't have too many strange dreams afterwards what with the mischievous answers and the very unusual pictures used in Codewords.

Sue Raffill



## LAPFORD VICTORY HALL AGM

Monday 3rd March 2025  
Victory Hall  
7.30 p.m.

If you would more information please email  
Darren Crump at [Darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk)

## LAPFORD BOOK CLUB

For many years Jill Doe has been running the Lapford Book Club. She has done a fabulous job. She has encouraged a great group of people to become friends and to discuss, apart from the book we are reviewing, everything going on in our local area.....and putting the 'world to rights'.

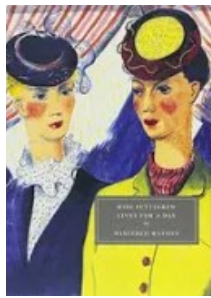
We would all like to give her a HUGE vote of thanks for all she has done.

## LAPFORD BOOK CLUB REVIEW

### Miss Pettigrew Lives For A Day

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day is a novel by Winifred Watson, first published in 1938.

Set in London in the 1930s, Watson's book captures an extraordinary day in the life of Miss Guinevere Pettigrew, a rather timid, down-at-heel spinster who has fallen on hard times. As the novel opens, Miss Pettigrew is in urgent need of a new job as a governess or a children's nanny. If she doesn't secure a new position that day, Miss Pettigrew may well find herself with nowhere to go but the poorhouse as her landlady has threatened to evict her.



Luckily for Miss P, the employment agency has a couple of new vacancies on its books: one for a lady's maid and one for a nursery governess. However, in a mix-up over the details of the two positions, the agency sends our heroine to the home of Miss Delysia LaFosse, a glamorous nightclub singer in need of a new maid. When she arrives at the apartment, Miss Pettigrew finds Miss LaFosse in a bit of a fix. With her own culinary skills being virtually non-existent, Miss LaFosse is in urgent need of someone to fix breakfast for her gentleman friend, Phil; so before she can explain the reason for her visit, Miss Pettigrew finds herself in the kitchen, cooking ham and eggs for the two young lovers. The charming Miss LaFosse is thrilled with her new 'maid,' and Miss Pettigrew in turn is delighted to feel appreciated for once, an emotion she has rarely experienced while working as a governess.

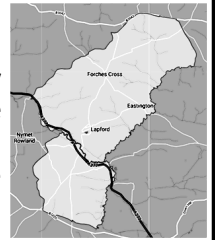
As the tale unfolds, Miss Pettigrew assists Miss LaFosse with untangling her love life and that of Miss LaFosse's friends. Miss P spends the rest of the day amongst glamorous people she could only have ever dreamt of.

As I read the book, I was dreading the end of the day when she would have to go back to her old life. As in all good romances, her 'knight in shining armour' arrives in the nick of time. Great book, everyone in the book club thoroughly enjoyed it.

Jane Epstein

## LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

There are no notes from the February Parish Council meeting in this issue because their meeting took place after the Lapford Lookout had gone to print. We hope to be able to bring you up to date next month.



## REQUEST FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

In order to minimise confusion and miscommunication please could any requests for placement of articles on particular pages in the Lapford Lookout be submitted via email to:

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## LAPFORD VILLAGE ARCHIVE



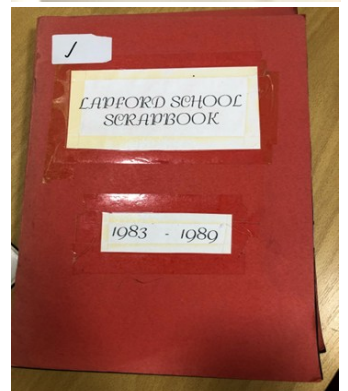
It is often said we are living in 'throw away' times for many complicated reasons.

We dispense with 'things' that have surrounded us for years in the house to replace with more modern items or a minimalist decor in our homes.

Newspapers, photographs, magazines, local drama programmes. Some folk keep all these items! Andy Warhol, Thomas Jefferson, Jenny Grey, Jackie Kennedy, Lewis Carroll, and Pearl Burrows had this hobby in common. Scrapbooking! Oh and Amelia Earhart kept a 19-volume scrapbook.



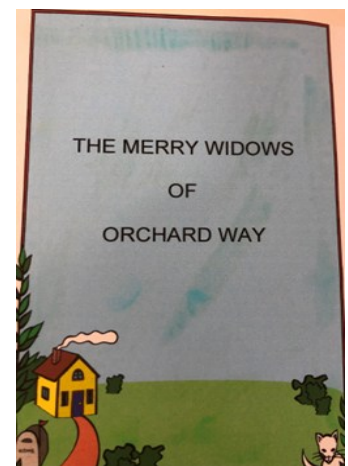
The photographs here show you how well Pearl and Jenny created their work of scrapbooking. Their books sit alongside Lapford School scrapbooks.



Pearl Burrows' scrapbooks

Archives of scrapbooks from any age provide an intimate first-hand look at history created by a person who lived it and their interest in the world at that time. So we are open to all sorts of memories including scrapbooks.

The question for next month is - what is the derivation of the word 'tenterhooks'. What is the connection to Lapford village?



Jenny Grey's scrapbook

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## Lapford Primary School

**'is on track to be 'good' at its next inspection.'**

On 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 we asked for a registered Ofsted inspector to carry out a review of Lapford Primary School. For further detail on the progress the school is making please visit [www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk) to view the full report.

**We are absolutely delighted with these findings!**

Lapford Primary School is part of the high performing **Chulmleigh Academy Trust** enabling seamless transition & **priority admission** to secondary school at Chulmleigh College



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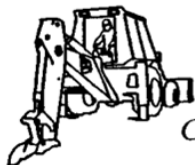
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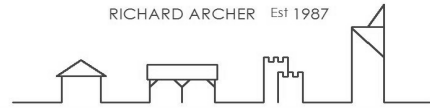
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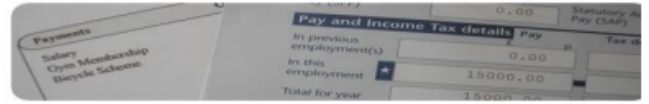
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## QUIZ EVENING REPORT

Thank you so much to all those who contributed to and attended the quiz on 31<sup>st</sup> January. A packed hall enjoyed a challenging quiz set by Cllr. Peter Heal and generated a profit of around £430 which will go towards the commemoration of VE Day events on 8<sup>th</sup> May this year.

The Lapford VE-Day events will begin on the Church Green with an early morning reading of the Proclamation, and continue in the evening with the ringing of the Church bells, a free concert in the Church by the Crediton Singers and Lapford Handbell Ringers, singing of 'I vow to Thee My Country', and on the Church Green again the lighting of a beacon and reading of the Tribute. The Women's Institute has developed a delicious VE Day Celebration Orange and Ginger Cake recipe. The recipe can be found on the official VE Day website: [www.veday80.org.uk](http://www.veday80.org.uk) along with other national celebrations information.

Lapford Celebrations Committee  
Lapford Parish Council

## LAPFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2025

### WHY THE QUESTIONNAIRE?

### YOU, THE RESIDENTS, CAN GUIDE LAPFORD'S FUTURE

Please fill in the survey document delivered with this edition of the Lapford Lookout, preferably by using the online version.

**Every member of a household, regardless of age, is invited to contribute**

It is an independent survey, managed by Devon Communities Together, asking the Lapford community to comment on the issues raised at the public consultation days last October, and set out in the leaflet delivered to you last month. It is an important step in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, which will reflect the views and aspirations of the people who live here and will set out what parishioners would like to see happen over the next 20 years.

When completed it will be put out to a public referendum, and then has to be consulted by the local planning authority when considering all applications for any development within Lapford. So please make your views heard through this survey. Everyone's voice is equally important to the development of this initiative.

Lapford Parish Council and  
Lapford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## VILLAGE SHOW 2025

This is advance warning that the Gardening Club will be organising the Village Show on Saturday 3rd September. We hope villagers will support the Show as it is open all not just members of the Club. The full schedule is published elsewhere in the Lapford Lookout. But don't leave it till the summer, some things can be prepared earlier, so if you have spare time how about trying your hand at these:

- Un-mounted photograph of a local scene
- A lavender bag
- Drawing or painting entitled 'Nature'
- An item made from old shirts
- Fruit Gin (labelled and presented in a glass bottle)
- 1 jar red berry jam (labelled, any metal cap is to be new)
- 1 jar marmalade (labelled, any metal cap is to be new)

The next Gardening Club meeting is a joint one with the Ladies of Lapford.

The Healing Garden  
Tuesday 18th March  
The ARK 7.30 p.m.  
All welcome



## SPRING AWAKENING FESTIVAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday 14 March – Sunday 6 April

Crediton Arts Centre and Crediton Heart Project present Spring Awakening Music Festival. A new venture for the Arts Centre and Heart Project, Spring Awakening celebrates the best in music in Crediton, alongside some stunning gigs by some of the best acts in the country. Three weeks of stunning music featuring rock, folk, jazz, choral, classical, opera, bluegrass and world music, utilising many of the beautiful venues we have available in the town.

### MARCH

- Fri 14th - Lady Maisery (Holy Cross Church)
- Sat 15th - Blackheart Orchestra (Arts Centre)
- Fri 21st - Acoustic by Candlelight (St Lawrence Chapel)
- Sat 22nd - Youth Classical Concert (Congregational Church)
- Thu 27th - Iryna Ilnytska-Orfeo ed Euridice (Arts Centre)
- Fri 28th - Four Choirs Concert (Methodist Church)
- Sat 29th - Ashley Hutchings & Blair Dunlop (Holy Cross Church)
- Sun 30th - Xogara / The Owl Light Trio (Arts Centre)

### APRIL

- Fri 4th - Eduardo Martin & Ahmed Dickinson Cardenas (Arts Centre)
- Sun 6th - Revival: The Music of Gillian Welch (Arts Centre)

Plus workshops, scratch performances, busking, open-air performance and much more, at the Arts Centre and around the town. See the Spring Awakening brochure or CAC website for details.





# Lapford Village Show 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Classes



## Section 1 – Photography & Art

- Un-mounted photograph of a local scene
- Drawing or painting entitled 'Nature'

## Section 2 – Home made (items 5-7 to be covered for showing)

- A lavender bag
- An item made from old shirts
- 3 Pieces of refrigerator (unbaked tiffin) cake
- Victoria sandwich cake to own recipe 8" diameter
- 4 flapjacks
- Fruit Gin (labelled & presented in a glass bottle)
- 1 jar red berry jam (labelled, any metal cap is to be a new one)
- 1 jar marmalade (labelled, any metal cap is to be a new one)

## Section 3 – Floral Art

- A table arrangement no larger than 12"
- A hand tied posy

## Section 4 – Flowers

- 1 specimen rose bloom
- 1 stem floribunda rose
- 6 pansies
- 3 similar dahlia blooms
- 1 specimen bloom dahlia
- A vase of dahlias (minimum 5 blooms)
- 3 stems mixed sweet peas
- 3 stems of any other flowers (not included in the schedule)
- 1 vase mixed flowers (minimum 3 types)
- 1 vase mixed foliage (minimum 3 types)
- A flowering pot plant in flower (maximum pot size 16cm)
- 1 foliage pot plant (maximum pot size 16cm)

## Section 5 – Vegetables (items 31-43 to be of the same variety)

- 3 potatoes
- 3 onions (either from seed or set each under 250g)
- 3 beetroot
- 2 courgettes
- 3 shallots
- 3 French beans
- 3 runner beans
- 3 tomatoes
- 3 tomatoes (grown outdoors)
- 3 tomatoes (small fruited cherry type)
- 2 cucumbers
- 5 sprigs of mixed herbs in a jar
- 2 items of any other vegetable (not included in the schedule)

## Section 6 – Fruit (all exhibits to be of the same variety)

- 3 pears
- 3 dessert apples
- 3 culinary apples
- 6 cane fruit
- 3 items of any other fruit (not included in the schedule)

## Section 7 – Children's Section

### Under 5 years

- A vegetable animal
- A Lego monster

### 6-12 years

- A paper flower
- A drawing or painting of nature

## Section 8 – Fun Section

- Longest runner bean
- Heaviest marrow
- Heaviest onion
- An odd shaped vegetable
- A weed the judge would least like to take home

## Section 9 – Members Only.

- Club plant. Potato as distributed earlier in the year & grown in pot provided

## MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 2025 - CLLR STEVEN KEABLE, TAW VALE WARD

**Aggressive Dogs & Owners** using the woodland walks at Eggesford Forest. Following a series of incidents, a public meeting was held last September at Wembworthy. Since then, I have met with the Police & Forestry England (7<sup>th</sup> Oct & 13<sup>th</sup> Jan). Signs are now displayed in three car parks. The Wembworthy community have logged five new incidents since October. However, none of these have been registered with the Police or Forestry England. There is a request to promote awareness of the need to report incidents:-

### Incidents should be reported to:

Devon and Cornwall Police

- 999 in case of emergency
- 101 non-emergency phone number
- Devon and Cornwall Police website reporting tool

Forestry England

- Email [westengland@forestryengland.uk](mailto:westengland@forestryengland.uk)
- 0300 067 4800 (9.00am to 3.00pm Monday – Friday)
- Forestry England website contact us page

From research undertaken by Forestry England, the demography of the Eggesford woodland is used by local people and few visitors outside local parishes. Dog Bins have also been requested. Forestry England do not have the budget for the revenue cost of disposal of dog poo. A request is going out to all parish councils in the locality to enquire about financial assistance.



**Proposed car parking at Eggesford Station** – For information - Local Parish Councils have been invited to attend meetings of the **Eggesford Station Monitoring Group** set up by Winkleigh Parish Council. £106 funding has been made available, from Winkleigh to Devon County Council, for car parking at the station.

**Tarka Rail Investment** – I have a growing confidence there will soon be a strategic outline business case for signalling and loops in the line that will enable two trains in the hour. The line has the greatest and most consistent passenger growth on the GWR network – 15% pa or and additional 50k journeys p.a.

In December the **Eggesford Station Monitoring Group** received a briefing from GWR Regional Manager David Whiteway. This Group is becoming a focal point for the parish councils of three District Councils. The **Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance** provided a good deal of technical assistance to the

railway companies. They have an AGM 7<sup>th</sup> March at the Royal & Fortescue, Barnstaple. The Tarka Line Association has rebranded itself as the **North Devon Line Promotion Group**. There is a letter in circulation to parish councils along the railway line to become members (£15 p.a.)

**Devon & Torbay Local Transport Plan. (LTP4) 2025 – 2040** - Public consultation closed in November. I together with other parish councils, made the case for improved bus services in our part of Devon. With the prospects of improvements to the railway a bus shuttle service between Winkleigh-Eggesford-Chulmleigh-Chawleigh has been proposed. However, following a recent meeting between the Eggesford Station Monitoring Group and Devon County Council, this requirement has not been recognised yet on the LTP4. This is a matter that I shall continue to lobby.

**Biodiversity Duty Action Plan & Climate Strategy Action Plan** – Mid Devon has adopted the first as a statutory requirement. The second Action Plan will be a starting point for engaging with communities, businesses, and partner agencies. Mid Devon is on target to reduce its carbon footprint to meet its target for 2023.

**White Paper and Decentralisation** – There has been considerable media coverage since the publication of the “Devolution” White Paper on 16<sup>th</sup> December. This impacts upon us all in three completely different ways.

(a) A **Combined County Authority**, with a strategic overview of historic Devon was formed on 5<sup>th</sup> February and the inaugural meeting will be at Tavistock on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, with three representatives from Torbay Council, three representatives from Devon County Council, two representatives for the eight District Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner. This body will have a small budget of devolved funding to perform strategic duties.

(b) **Unitary Council(s)** – The Secretary of State has announced that Devon will not be in the first round of Councils for the consideration and that the County Council Election on 1<sup>st</sup> May will not be cancelled. There is little doubt there will be local government reorganisation in Devon. We enter a period of uncertainty.

The County Council is proposing a Unitary Devon, seven of the eight District Councils plus Torbay are likely to propose two Unitary Councils in Devon and supporting an expanded Plymouth into part of South Ham and part of West Devon.

(c) **Mayoral Strategic Authorities**. This is the most significant of the devolutionary Government initiatives and where established, will have a considerable budget. These authorities refer to a local government body in the UK where a directly elected mayor has significant power to make decisions on strategic issues like transport, planning, and economic development within their region. Devon & Cornwall is the proposed region.

Unitary authorities will impact upon the tasks of parish councils. A Unitary Council area equivalent to a current County Council Division e.g. one County Councillor (Margaret Squires) with 22 active parish councils between Wembworthy and Silverton and eight District Councillors will be reduced to two Unitary Councillors.

**Councillor Steven Keable**



**CHAWLEIGH  
COMMUNITY  
MARKET**

JUBILEE HALL, CHAWLEIGH

**SATURDAY 15th March**

**10.00 TO 12.00**

Stalls Raffle Refreshments

Vegetables and Preserves  
Meat, Sausages and Baked Goods  
Artisan Bread, Cakes  
Cards and Knitted Items, Clothes  
Bric a Brac, Books  
Hand Made Wooden Items  
Glass Jewellery

Refreshments by Chawleigh WI  
Bacon baps, cakes, tea and coffee

## CHULMLEIGH RURAL CINEMA



Beautifully filmed and wonderfully acted drama based on Claire Keegan's Booker Prize nominated novel revealing the truth about Ireland's Magdalene Laundries, the church's homes for unwed mothers. Starring and produced by Cillian Murphy. (12A)

Friday 14th March 2025

The Pavilion, Leigh Road, Chulmleigh EX18 7JL

Doors open 6.45pm Film starts 7.30pm

Wine, beer, soft drinks and interval ice-creams for sale

Tickets £5.50 (Chulmleigh Society members £4.50) on the door

Coming shortly

Friday 11th April Paddington in Peru (PG)



skeable@middevon.gov.uk

**Mid Devon  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Your Councillor**

**At the Village Market**

**10.00 to 11.00**

**Steve Keable**

Every 4th Saturday  
10.00 to 11.00  
Victory Hall

Please do raise any council issues you have with Steve

**Surgery**

**Lapford Village market**

**SATURDAY 22ND MARCH**

**10AM-12PM**

**LAPFORD VICTORY HALL**

Local produce Stalls  
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and much, much more  
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Friday 9.30 - 12.00



### 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 relating to Council business.

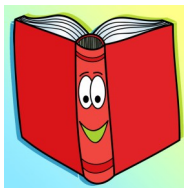


**Lapford Parish Council**

**Libraries  
Unlimited**

### LIBRARIES UNLIMITED HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

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.

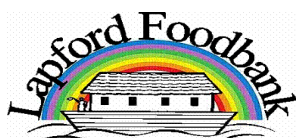


**Crediton Library - Telephone: 01363 772578**

### 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.



**"It takes a wise man to  
discover a wise man."**

— Diogenes



### NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE

Donations can be made at  
Boniface Centre, Crediton, or at  
Chulmleigh Community College



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

What 3 Words app location:  
emperor.stated.stapled

Another defibrillator is 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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A third defibrillator has now been installed  
at the Spar Shop at Lapford Cross. It is round  
the side to the left as you look at the shop.

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- 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
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- Patient Participation Group ~ Bill Graham ~ 01363 83047
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- Power cut ~ 105 or 0800 6783 105
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- 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

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[www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk)  
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Lapford Voluntary Car Aid 2011

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 Chulmleigh Health Centre - £6  
 Crediton (Breast Screening) - £7  
 Crediton Community Hospital - £6  
 Morchard Bishop Surgery - £4  
 Redlands Health Centre - £7  
 Witheridge Surgery - £6

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### 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's been a very busy half term for Lapford Primary School with opportunities for all the children to extend their learning beyond the classroom. One of the huge benefits of being part of the Chulmleigh Academy Trust is the close links we form with the other Trust schools.

This means we can pair up for residential and sporting events and also give children the opportunity to make use of the secondary school facilities at Chulmleigh College. Of course, with every Lapford child guaranteed a place at Chulmleigh College, this also helps serve as an enhanced transition, with children getting used to the school they will one day attend.

This term both Herons and Kingfishers classes have had opportunities to visit Chulmleigh College to complete DT projects. Kingfishers have been learning all about bread production and to complete their unit of work and put all their learning into practice, they were set the challenge of baking six identical rolls which included one special ingredient of their choice. After a busy morning baking, the rolls were sent for judging by an expert panel, consisting of staff and students from the college. Despite the high standard of baking, the results were unanimous and Zeph's chocolate chip flavoured bread recipe emerged triumphant!



Herons have also been hard at work learning all about mechanical models and they were set the challenge of creating a moving animal model. After several weeks learning how cam mechanisms work, building prototypes and designing an automata animal model in the classroom, they finally travelled to the college to use the workshop to make the mechanisms for their final designs. The children were amazing: following instructions to use tools

safely, demonstrating resilience and perseverance when things didn't quite go according to plan and working as a team to offer support and guidance to each other. They had a wonderful morning in the workshop and all made a working cam model. I can't wait to see their finished products once they have decorated and added their animals.



Perhaps the highlight of the half term was our grand opening of 'The Wooden Spoon Sensory Room'. During the previous academic year we were fortunate enough to secure over £7,000 funding from The Wooden Spoon charity, to create a fully equipped sensory space. This, combined with a generous donation from FLS, ensured we were able to redecorate and rewire the room so that the sensory equipment could be utilised most effectively. At the end of January, we invited representatives from Wooden Spoon and from FLS to join us to celebrate the completion of the project. Our guests were treated to a tour of the school by current pupils and then we congregated in the hall to watch the cutting of the ribbon live on


the screen. Finally all of the children decorated a wooden spoon. These have been hung in the corridor leading to the sensory room. It was a really special day and it was clear that the children really do appreciate their new space. Our guests commented time and time again how well mannered, enthusiastic and engaged the children were and the chairperson of the Devon branch of the charity commented that Lapford was one of the happiest and most inclusive schools he had visited. We were incredibly proud of all the children.

**Mrs J. Wright**  
**Head of School**






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**Thank you. Lapford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

