



# LAPFORD LOOKOUT

*YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER*



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A collage celebrating Lapford's industrial heritage. It features a large brick archway with 'REVEL 25' painted on it. Inside the arch, a sepia-toned photo shows people working in a field. To the right, a large wooden water wheel is visible. In the foreground, there's a tin of 'Ambrosia' Devonshire Pure Full Cream Dried Milk Food for Infants, a glass bottle of 'W.A. &amp; D.F. Manning' milk, and a sign for 'BRITISH RAILWAYS (Western Region) PERISHABLE PASSENGER RATED TRAFFIC From LAPFORD To NOTTINGHAM'. A woman in a white dress and bonnet stands next to the water wheel. The bottom of the collage has the text 'Celebrating... 10-13 JULY Lapford's Industrial Heritage'.



## UNVEILING OF NEW WELCOME SIGN AT THE PLAYING FIELD

The sun shone on Lapford Playing Field as ten residents gathered for the unveiling of a new welcome sign.

The English oak sign was designed and made by Lapford man Derek Parrott. The hand carved lettering is in Univers font and stands out really well.

Committee chairman Roy Andrews thanked Derek and his wife, Janice, for such a beautiful sign. Real craftsmanship!

Derek, Roy and Roy's granddaughter, Aurelia unveiled the sign in ceremonial fashion to a round of applause!

(Photos, Grace Hill)



## LAPFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



We have reached the final half term of the year at Lapford Community Primary School but there are no signs of slowing down! We have been busy as usual.

### Y6 SATs

We must take a moment to recognise the achievements of our Year 6 children who sat their SATs this month. SATs week can be a very daunting week for Year 6 children, but our superstars breezed straight through them, with added help of a tasty SATs breakfast of sausage and bacon baps! All the children should be incredibly proud of themselves for facing these tough tests with such confidence; we are certainly very proud of them.

### DT Projects

Both Kingfishers and Herons have been working hard on DT projects this month. Kingfishers have been tie-dying material ready to turn into juggling balls. They learnt different tie-dye techniques and spent time selecting colours and patterns to create. Having carefully dyed their material, they are now busy cutting and joining the fabric to create their juggling balls. We are looking forward to completing the project, not least because Mr Johnson has promised he will come and test them out for us. Apparently, he's been brushing up on his juggling skills! To relax after the stress of the tests, Herons spent the afternoons working on a circuit project which saw them create buzz wire circuit games. They worked very hard on their circuitry and by the end of the week, all children had a working game to demonstrate to the children in Kingfishers.



### Forest School

The children at Lapford really love learning in the outdoors and they particularly look forward to their half termly forest school days. This month we invited East Worlington and Rackenford schools to join us, so that our eldest children could begin to make friends with some of the children that they may be transitioning to Chulmleigh College with. Our children were in their element, showing off our forest school to our visitors and demonstrating some of the outdoor skills they have gained over the past two years. Huge thanks must go to Mrs K and Sarah Madden for making the day run so smoothly. It was a really lovely event and something we hope to be able to do more of over the next year.



### OPAL Celebration

We finished up the half term by celebrating our OPAL platinum award in style. Our OPAL mentor Kate and her team, joined us to present us with our OPAL banner

and to congratulate the whole school on our amazing achievement. We didn't want to settle for an assembly though, so instead got the whole school involved in a treasure hunt all around the grounds and finished off with an ice cream factory treat! It was a super way to end a very busy half term.

Mrs. J. Wright, Head of School





## **DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR**

### **July 2025**

- 8th Lapford Gardening Club, visit
- 8th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 11th, 12th, 13th - Lapford Revel
- 14th Copy deadline for August Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 17th Ladies of Lapford, outdoor event TBC, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 17th MDH Rural Roadshow, Victory Hall, 10.30am—12pm
- 18th Quiz Night, Congregational Church, 6.30pm
- 19th FLS Duck Race, 4.00pm-6.00pm
- 26th Indoor Car boot Sale, Victory Hall, 10.00am-1.00pm

### **August 2025**

The ARK is closed for August.

- 12th Lapford Gardening Club, Garden visit
- 12th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th Copy deadline for September Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 23rd LYPFT Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

### **September 2025**

- 6th Lapford Gardening Club Village Show
- 6th LYPFT Car Boot Sale, Playing Field, 10.00 am
- 9th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 13th Mad Hatters Wonderfully Bonkers Tea Party, The ARK, 2pm
- 14th Copy deadline for October Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 18th Ladies of Lapford, Skittles at the Waie Inn
- 20th Lapford Tidy Up Day
- 27th Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00 TBC

### **October 2025**

- 14th Oct Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 14th Oct Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 25th Oct LVCA Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

### **November 2025**

- 11th Nov Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 11th Nov Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 22nd Nov LYPFT Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 24th Nov Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

### **Future Dates**

- 9th Dec Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 9th Dec Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 13th Jan Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th Feb Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th Mar Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th Apr Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 12th May Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

**Please send your Dates to Lookout For to  
[lapfordlookout@gmail.com](mailto:lapfordlookout@gmail.com)**

### **THE CHESTNUT TREE BY THE VICTORY HALL**

The tree is in an increasingly sorry state. The Church Green Trustees are aware of public concerns about this and have plans for felling as soon as practicable. Meanwhile a survey of the tree carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> June established that:

- The tree is safe i.e. not about to fall over, and
- There are no animals, including bats, living or roosting in it.

The tree will be felled to ground level, leaving no protruding stump, and the wood taken up to the school in sections for use in the conservation area there.

Conservation Area permission is in place via MDDC.

**Trustees of Lapford Church Green**



### **WHAT3WORDS**

**Devon Air Ambulance is once again taking part in what3words summer campaign to raise awareness and urge the public to download the app to #KnowExactlyWhere.**

- Devon Air Ambulance, along with other UK emergency services is urging supporters to download the free what3words app that can provide callers with their exact location.



- Devon Air Ambulance often use the what3words app to help locate patients across the county

Devon is a county made up of stunning, but rural and sometimes dangerous beauty spots like Dartmoor and our incredibly scenic coastal paths that both locals and tourists alike will flock to for their summer adventures.

**'What's the address of the emergency?'** is one of the first questions asked when calling 999 but describing where help is needed can be difficult and stressful, especially in unaddressed or unfamiliar areas. New research highlighted that many people would struggle to describe meeting points in forests (40%), on country roads (39%) and campgrounds (34%), which could lead to a delay in locating a caller when every minute matters.

what3words provides a solution and has created a simple way to communicate very precise locations. It has divided the world into a grid of 3 metre squares and given each square a unique identifier consisting of three words: a what3words address. This means that every viewpoint along a hiking trail, stadium entrance, picnic spot in the park and tent on a campground has its own what3words address.

The what3words app works offline, making it ideal for use in areas with an unreliable data connection, such as popular summer destinations like festivals, beaches, national parks and campsites. what3words is available in over 60 languages to date, including Welsh. It is free to download on iOS and Android, and can be accessed via the online map at [what3words.com](https://www.what3words.com)



### ART IN THE ARK

The ARK Exhibition Team is looking for donated artworks created by locals to make a beautiful exhibition in The ARK.

If you have an excess of drawings, paintings, 2D craftworks that you would like to donate please contact Rebecca on 07941 648087 or [rebeccaholleyartworks@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaholleyartworks@gmail.com).



All monies raised for The ARK

### LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)



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

**Thursday 17th July**

We always welcome new members.

Come and join us!

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LAPFORD WELCOME YOU

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

*We look forward to fellowship with you.*

#### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

*All are welcome—Refreshments served after services*

**Contacts: Churchwarden:** Joan Graham - (e) [jemg47@aol.com](mailto:jemg47@aol.com) (t) **01363 83047**

##### Services:

Sunday July 6th – Trinity 3 9.30 a.m. - Lay Led Morning Prayer  
Wednesday July 9th 10.30 a.m. - BCP Holy Communion  
Sunday July 13th – Trinity 4 9.30 a.m. - Lay Led Morning Prayer  
Sunday July 20th - Trinity 5 9.30 a.m. - Lay Led Morning Prayer  
Sunday July 27th - Trinity 6 9.30 a.m. - Common Worship Eucharist



#### LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

##### Contacts:

Cat Seymour **884432** Helen Wyatt **07964 855677** Carol Worsdell **07368 860835**

**email:** [lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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:

6th July Dave Taylor  
13th July Joint Revel service  
20th July Merrill Archer  
27th July No service

Quiz night at Lapford Congregational Church, 18th July, quiz master Cat Seymour.



#### 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.







# 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 dahlia (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

## TWINNING VISIT OF FRIENDS OF GRAINVILLE LANGANNERIE

A group of fifteen friends from Lapford and North Tawton have just returned from a visit to their twin town of Grainville Langannerie in Normandy.

On arrival at their "Salle de Fetes" (Town Hall) they were given a civic reception during which Peter Henshaw, chairman of the English twinning committee, and Chantal Lefèvre, his counterpart from Grainville-Langannerie, renewed the charter uniting Lapford and Grainville-Langannerie.

This visit celebrated 50 years of Twinning between the two towns.

At the welcoming ceremony Chantal Lefèvre, chairman for 42 years, retraced the history of these exchanges. "Their origins date back to September 9, 1974" she explained. Mr. Potel, then Mayor, had received a circular from Mr. Destors, vice-president of the General Council, proposing a twinning with a town in Devon. This initiative took shape during the conference of English towns in Devon twinned with those in Calvados, which Mr. Potel attended on October 12, 1974. It resulted, in April 1975, in a merger with the village of Lapford, "chosen because of its population of around 700 inhabitants and its agricultural and commercial activities, perfectly suited to Grainville-Langannerie"; Since then, Grainvillais and Lapfordians meet regularly, most often during May Half-Term, alternating between Lapford and Grainville-Langannerie. "Over the years, the partnership has been enriched by numerous official visits, school exchanges and private meetings between families. These exchanges have strengthened the human and cultural ties between our two nations.

This four-day exchange continued the tradition: with a visit to Bird Hill (Municipal Gardens reclaimed from an ancient landfill site) and the castles of Caen and Vendeuvre; an afternoon of games; and a barbecue evening with dancing which included an old English favourite of the "Hokey Cokey".

Plus, there were other excursions to places around Caen and the D Day Beaches with our particular hosts.

We sadly had to leave on Sunday. But we hope that our French friends will come and visit us in England next year. If you feel like getting involved and are happy to host some of our French guests next year – please contact Marion Pratt [marion174@btinternet.com](mailto:marion174@btinternet.com).



Lapford Lookout



**Don't Forget!**

## TEAS at The ARK On Revel Saturday afternoon

### MDCC RURAL ROADSHOW

Mid Devon Housing will be hosting a drop in 'Rural Roadshow' for our tenants living in the Lapford and surrounding town and village areas on Thursday 17th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm at Lapford Victory Hall.



A chance for those tenants of ours in our more rural areas to pop along, have a cuppa and a chat with members from our Housing Team. Raise any issues, concerns or queries or just to have a natter. There will also be some external organisations present (Police, South West Water, ECOE) and more to potentially be added.

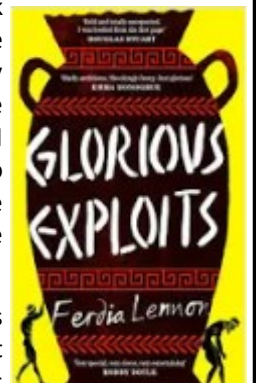
Light refreshments will be provided.

No booking needed but registering your interest helps us to plan refreshments, but welcome *to just drop in*.

For further information please contact *the Tenant Involvement team* either by telephone: 01884 255 255 or email: [tenantinvolvement@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:tenantinvolvement@middevon.gov.uk)

### LAPFORD BOOK CLUB Glorious Exploits by Ferdio Lennon

This story is set in Syracuse in 412 BC. Following a defeat in the Peloponnesian war, Athenian prisoners are being kept in an old quarry. Two out-of-work potters, Lampo and Gelon, who love the theatre, entertain themselves by rewarding prisoners who can recite lines of Euripedes with extra wine and scraps of food. They have an idea to stage two plays by Euripedes, using the prisoners who can act and recite the best, for an audience of locals.



The tale is told by Lampo, who is something of a waster and not trustworthy, while his friend Gelon is often sad as his wife and baby son have been killed, and the contrast between their personalities is obvious though their friendship is solid.

The first part of the book, with descriptions of the market, the theatrical workshop where the costumes are made, and the horrors of the conditions in the quarry are vivid and often entertaining. However the story gets darker towards the end of the book and the finale is unexpected and sad.

I think I was the only one to read to the end, so not a popular choice, even though the book was highly praised in reviews.

**Suzy Mann**



## SANDFORD SUMMER SHOW

### 10 August 2025 - Parish Hall at 2pm

It's July and only six weeks to go until the Sandford Summer Show on Sunday 10 August. Our show is a bit earlier this year so hopefully you growers will have heat loving crops in abundance.



The judges are on standby and we are busy polishing the cups and getting the prizes ready. The organisers are just itching to see all the wonderful entries from everyone who has been growing, cooking, baking, crafting and taking photographs. We are especially keen to see the children's contributions, but you can be any age to join in!

It promises to be a great afternoon out, whatever the weather. There will be tea and homemade cakes on sale, a plant stall and a grand prize draw.

There is still plenty of opportunity to participate in the competition with entry forms available in Sandford Community Stores or via email at sandfordsummershow@gmail.com Entry forms must be handed into Sandford Community Stores by midday on Thursday 7th August.

See you all there!

**On behalf of the Sandford Summer Show Committee**

## creditonarts centre

*Theatre, Film, Music, Classes*

### July 2025 Events

**17th July      A Complete Unknown      7.30 PM      BAR**  
Stella performances from Timothée Chalamet, Elle Fanning, Monica Barbaro and Edward Norton In this brilliant film about Bob Dylan's early days in New York City.  
£5

**18th July      A Year and a Day      7.30 PM      BAR**  
Chris Sainton-Clark's poignant and darkly comic solo show is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout this twisting, turning journey.  
£13/£11

**19th July      Let It Bring Hope      7.30 PM      BAR**  
Internationally renowned storyteller David Heathfield returns with another magical evening of stories from Gaza, accompanied with music by Min Wild  
All proceeds to Gaza family fundraising

**20th July      Share in the Square      Check website for times**  
The popular music event returns with summer sunshine performances from Whittall & Cookson, David Treadaway, Etchechuria, Seraph and Pauper's Fortune.

**31st July      The Royal Tenenbaums      7.00 PM      BAR**  
Wes Anderson's tragi-comic masterpiece from 2001  
£5 to include themed pudding

Tickets through the Arts Centre ring or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre)

## Chulmleigh & District Garden Society

### Monday 14th July

# Seasonal plants

With  
Alan French



**7.30pm**  
**Chulmleigh**  
**Town Hall**

Guests £3.00  
New Members Welcome

**Email Diana:- [dianaM@farmline.com](mailto:dianaM@farmline.com)**

### ACE ARCHAEOLOGY CLUB

Spring has certainly sprung but by the time you read this it will probably be pouring with rain, or we will have a drought. The upside of droughts for archaeologists is that it can show up buried sites, through parch marks, roughly speaking, if there are buried walls they show up as drier lines but if there are ditches, they stay greener. The trouble is that you do really need a 'plane to see the full effect, or nowadays, a drone! ACE's finances don't run to either of these things. So, we continue to dig. We very much hope that we can continue our dig at Moistown this year, but actual dates will have to be flexible, if you are interested keep an eye on our website or Facebook page.

We have reinvigorated our routes project with a meeting in May and details of this can also be found on the website. It was a positive meeting, and we were joined by Terry Green from North Devon Archaeology Society who knows a lot about Devon place names and transhumance, the movement of animals to and from pasture, seasonally. We also had cake which always helps. The cake is the representation of a green lane with sheep being driven! We like the idea of cake matching the themes of our ACE days.



Talking of which, ACE days not cake, we have planned the following:

August - Moistown dig 2nd to 17th.  
13th September - we are hoping to arrange a visit to Uppacott long house on Dartmoor.  
11th October - to be decided.  
8th November - ACE AGM. A planning day with talks.  
13th December - Looking at and working with some of the finds from Moistown.  
ACE dates are always subject to change so do check the website and Facebook page for updates.

Erica Williamson  
May 2025  
<http://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com>

## DICTIONARY CORNER?

**Skilljoy:** The would-be friend who's a bit better than you at everything. (*Steve Fahey, Kensington, Md., 2008*)

**Coughin:** A small enclosure designed especially for smokers. (*John Glenn, Tyler, Tex., 2010*)

## VOLUNTEERING AS A CAREER MOVE

Whether you are looking for your first job or you are a pensioner seeking to top up your income, finding a job can be really challenging.



Undertaking unpaid work can be a good way to plug gaps in your CV and get a taste for different types of jobs. These roles usually come in the form of volunteering, work experience, or internships. If you are in receipt of welfare benefits you will need to check to see if your benefits will be affected if you take on unpaid work. How volunteering affects your benefits - overview - Citizens Advice

(<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/benefits-introduction/how-volunteering-affects-your-benefits>)

Rules around unpaid internships are complicated, so get advice on being paid less than the minimum wage before applying.

Volunteer roles are usually well defined, exposing you to specific types of work whether you are looking for office experience or something more practical like supporting people in your local community. Volunteering is also a great way to build confidence in a work environment, provide structure to your day or week and learn new skills which may be transferable to paid work. It also gives you the opportunity to brush up existing skills, like typing and general computer skills.

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon always welcomes volunteers who all get comprehensive training and ongoing support. Not all volunteers want to be advice giving; some will fill in forms which, to the uninitiated, can seem very daunting at first sight. Some volunteers take on administrative roles and the beauty of volunteering with CA TNMWD, is that there are opportunities to apply for paid positions within the charity so if you are ultimately looking for paid work, volunteering with us can be a useful stepping stone. Even if you don't end up working in a paid position with us, when applying for jobs elsewhere, as a volunteer you are demonstrating a commitment to utilising your time effectively, a willingness to undergo training and perhaps develop new skills and whether this is going to be your first paid job or you have retired and been out of the working environment for some time, as a volunteer, you will have been used to being in a work environment so should adapt easily. So aside from the knowledge that you are making a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of your local community, there are other benefits too!

If you would be interested in volunteering with us, take a look at our website <https://www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk> and contact [recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk) for more information.



# Lapford Weather Review

## Lapford Weather May 2025

Mild and dry.

The warmest day was the 1<sup>st</sup> with a maximum of 23.7°C and the coolest was the 5<sup>th</sup> with a maximum of 13.7°C. The coldest night was the 6<sup>th</sup> with a minimum of 1.5°C and a grass frost of -3.0 °C.

Another mainly dry month with just a handful of wetter days towards the end gave a total rainfall of 26.1 mm, less than half the average for May. The wettest day was the 27<sup>th</sup> with 9.1 mm.

The windiest day was the 27<sup>th</sup> with a gust of 38 m.p.h.

This has not surprisingly been the warmest spring for a very long time considering the record breaking amount of sunshine we have had, but not the driest by any means. Total rainfall was 124.1mm, well above the driest spring back in 2011 when I measured just 64.2mm.



Andy Epstein



## "Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

### LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Main points from the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The minutes in full can be accessed on the Parish Council website.

Five parish councillors and three members of the public attended the meeting.

- The Council currently has three vacancies and is looking for suitable candidates to co-opt onto the Council.
- The Council will have a table at the Revel on Saturday afternoon where Councillors will be available to chat to or post any suggestions from members of the public.
- The toddlers' play equipment is now open and available to use; there will be an official opening on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- Application for S106 funding has been submitted for additional youth play equipment.
- The Asset Register has been updated and approved.
- The future of the village market was discussed and requires new and fresh ideas to secure its future.
- A grant application has been received to support the Playing Field Trust with its insurance for the coming year.
- Lapford School is to be renamed as it becomes a Church of England school, the confirmed name is yet to be decided.

Date of the next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> July.



## THANK YOU



From this



To this



Thank you so much to the volunteer who has kindly cleared weeds from the top of Orchard Way, and to others who have tidied away weeds from outside their houses. If more of us could find the time to scrape away the weeds from the paths and kerbs around where we live how much better the village would look. Mid Devon District Council no longer supplies a weed clearing service and a paid service for the whole village would be prohibitively expensive.

If you can find time to do a bit of weed clearing in your own area that would be wonderful. Mechanical clearing only please, no chemicals allowed in public spaces.

**Lapford Parish Council**



**“Insomnia is very common.  
Try not to lose any sleep over it.”**

## LADIES TAKE A LOOK BACK IN TIME

For our meeting in May, we were lucky to have our very own local historian to regale us with stories from the past. We asked David if he could concentrate on female characters who had connections with Lapford and had managed to get a mention in the history pages. The task proved quite a challenge. In the past, we of the fairer sex were expected to be obedient and show the qualities of humility and purity, quietly supporting our menfolk while they made history.



David set about digging and managed to find a few characters worth a mention. He took us back to the 11th century and the first Queen of England, Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror. As William was kept quite busy quashing rebellions in the north and keeping an eye on affairs in Normandy, Matilda, a spirited and politically astute lady, had some significance as a ruler in his absence. Her connection with Lapford is that she owned it having acquired it from a former lover. Matilda was not above holding a grudge and she had this lover imprisoned and eventually killed after which she took over his property. His portfolio included Lapford. Matilda and her proxy rulers had masses of trees cut down to clear land for farming. Good farmland was an important asset. It is likely that much of the landscape around Lapford and its importance as a farming community was shaped at this time.

Another wife who was connected through her marriage to a well-known episode from history was Thomasine Arundell, a Lapford resident. Her first husband was Roger Grenville who met his death when his ship sank to the bottom of the sea. After many years of work, the ship was finally brought to the surface in 1982. And the ship? Yes, the Mary Rose. Thomasine's son, Richard, also exerted some influence on the way history unfolded. He planned circumnavigational routes around the world and his work probably contributed to the success of later explorers although this largely went unacknowledged.

These ladies made it into history mainly because of their menfolk. Not so Anne Dowriche. A pious and devout woman married to the Rector of Lapford in 1580, Anne made her name by writing the first text that can be directly attributed to a Devon woman. Her work, the French Historie was a 2400 line poem largely about the St. Bartholomew massacre of protestants in France and is said to be the first example in women's literature of a powerfully drawn dramatic female character. Apparently, it is a particularly gory and gruesome fictionalised account of the massacre and many have wondered how a quietly living rector's wife from a Devon village came to produce such a work.

David toured on through the ages. He mentioned Janet Jarrett who lived in Lapford with her husband George in the late 1880s and who campaigned with him to create the 'Party of the Poor' and improve their conditions. They were perhaps the first socialists and she was certainly at least as active as her husband. We heard about the claim that Edith Patten of Calves Bridge put a spell on Mrs. Ford after her husband sued Edith for not paying him for his goods. We learned that Harriet, daughter of the station master here in Lapford, moved to Gloucester with her husband where, after his death, she became the only female editor in the county. Naturally, we covered the extraordinary story of the life of Mary Ann Partridge who may or may not have poisoned her husband, brother and sister with only her sister surviving, and who went on to live a prosperous life in Australia.

David kept us all entertained and he finished by reminding us that each of us can contribute to history. He encouraged us to record names and dates on photographs and articles and to record our own memories of interesting escapades or simply of life in Lapford for future generations. Hopefully, in the future, it will not be so difficult to find examples of women who have earned a place in the archives.

**Sue Raffill**

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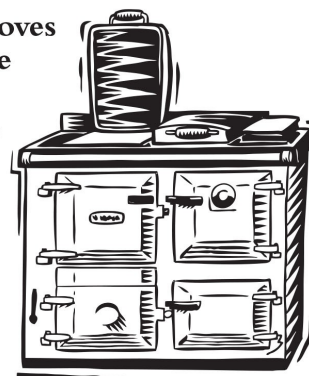
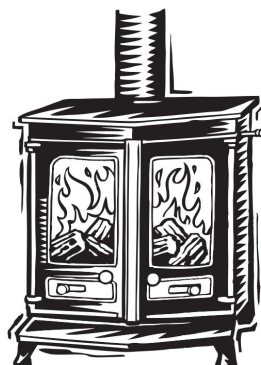
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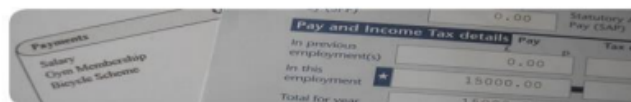
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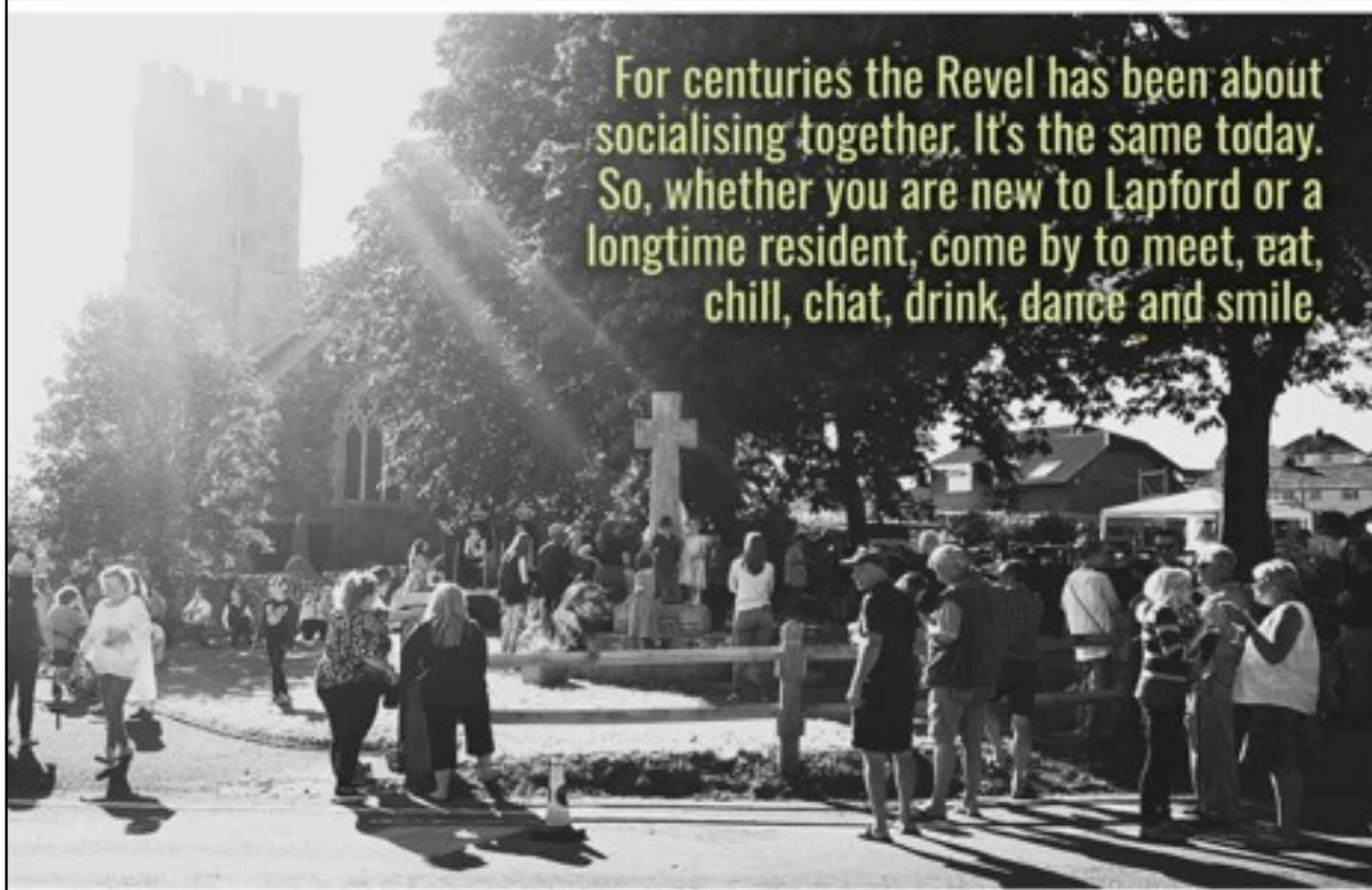
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## THUR 10 JULY Revel Ringing Competition

6-9pm

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| East Anstey  | Sampford Courtney |
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Call Change Bellringing Competitions are an old Devon tradition. This year sees the return of the **Lapford Revel Ringing Competition** in which eight of the best teams in the county will compete for the shield (with hallmarked silver bell) and for the Malt Scoop Cup. Listen from your gardens or from The Malt Scoop.



# FRI 11 JULY

## Church Green

# Revel Parade & Crowning



**Otter Morris** are an energetic border morris side based in East Devon recognised by their tatter coats in the colours of the oak tree, and cries of "Give it Some!"

5.45pm Parade assembles at the school car park

6.00pm Church Bells

6.15pm **Procession to Church Green**  
Bar, BBQ & Chips open

6.45pm **Revel Crowning Ceremony**  
+ Sweet Scramble

7.30pm **Otter Morris**

10.30pm Last Orders

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



Otter Border Morris

# REVEL25



# SAT 12 JULY

## Church Green

# Revel Fayre & Live Music

LIVE MUSIC-STALLS-MAGIC-STORYTELLING  
HERITAGE EXHIBITION-BOUNCY CASTLES-ICE-CREAM  
REVEL BAR-CREAM TEAS-BBQ

# REVEL25

1.00pm Gates open; bouncy castles open

1.30pm **Opening** by the Revel King & Queen

1.45pm **Children's Ballet Display**

Performances throughout the afternoon from:



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5.00pm **Revel Draw**

5.45pm **Tug of War**

6.30pm **Paul Adams** (our very own)

8.00pm **Fireblockers** Revel into the night  
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## SUN 12 JULY

# Revel Service

## 10.30am

**St. Thomas' Church**

Everybody welcome  
for the traditional  
end-of-Revel celebration

## The Revel King & Queen

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| King:       | Eddy, crowned by Noah   |
| Queen:      | Hannah, crowned by Ruby |
| Attendants: |                         |
| Year 5      | William & Izzy          |
| Year 4      | Zeph & Keeley           |
| Year 3      | Giles & Bonnie          |
| Year 2      | Reece & Aubree          |
| Year 1      | Oliver & Poppy          |
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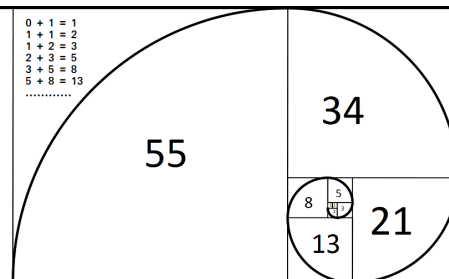
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## WORD CRUNCHING

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a poem  
on a page  
but then each line grew  
to the word sum of the previous two  
until I began to worry about all these words coming with such frequency  
because as you can see, it can be easy to run out of space when a poem gets all Fibonacci sequence

Brian Bilston



## DEVON SWIFT PROJECT

I was interested to read the article about a talk by Sustainable Crediton, in the June Lapford Lookout, about helping swifts and other birds. It may interest you to know that there is an organisation already active all over the county helping to do just this. It is the Devon Swift Project, and here in Lapford some swift boxes have recently been installed up the church tower, just inside the louvres where the bells are located.

The following is taken from the website: ([www.devonswiftproject.co.uk](http://www.devonswiftproject.co.uk))

‘The main aim of the Devon Swift Project is to increase the population of common swifts in Devon and beyond.

Swift numbers have decreased by up to 60% over the past 20 years with 40% of that loss occurring in the last 10 years. The main reasons are our construction methods, and land management. Fortunately, for a little effort we can make a difference to help these amazing birds! A special thank you to Devon Birds who have supported the project, in particular, sponsorship of the Church installations.

The main aim is to increase the population of swifts in Devon and beyond. This can be achieved across a range of activities. Often, when we see statistics on population declines in species, we feel that it's beyond our capability to help.

Helping swifts is as simple as putting up a swift box, or sowing wildflower seeds to help with flying invertebrates (swift food!). This can be scaled up; volunteer groups, scout groups, etc. can make a bunch of boxes to install. You can also speak to your local council to find out which patches of ground are available to be managed for wildflowers. It's amazing what can be achieved when we work together!

The objectives of the Project are :

To install colony boxes in churches throughout Devon and beyond. This is a great way to provide nesting for this colony species within a structure which is protected from development. We have installed in a selection of churches in Devon and the project has been accepted by some wonderful people within the church community; so a big thanks to you all!

To provide people and communities with the information, designs, and assistance with setting up their own installations or swift project. Many village and town communities across the UK have done this already. Imagine looking up to the skies in the summer to see swifts zooming around and thinking, I've helped that!

To create awareness of the other factors which affect swift populations. Swifts feed only on flying invertebrates and modern land management practices has reduced these species by approximately 60% in the past 20 years in the UK; recognise that number?, yep, it's the same as the percentage of swift population decline. Changing our mindset on how we manage land and our gardens to incorporate habitat that encourages invertebrates will definitely help swifts.'

It may take a year or two before swifts locate and start using the new nest boxes, surveys will be taking place through the summer to monitor the results.

Andy Epstein





## PUZZLE CORNER



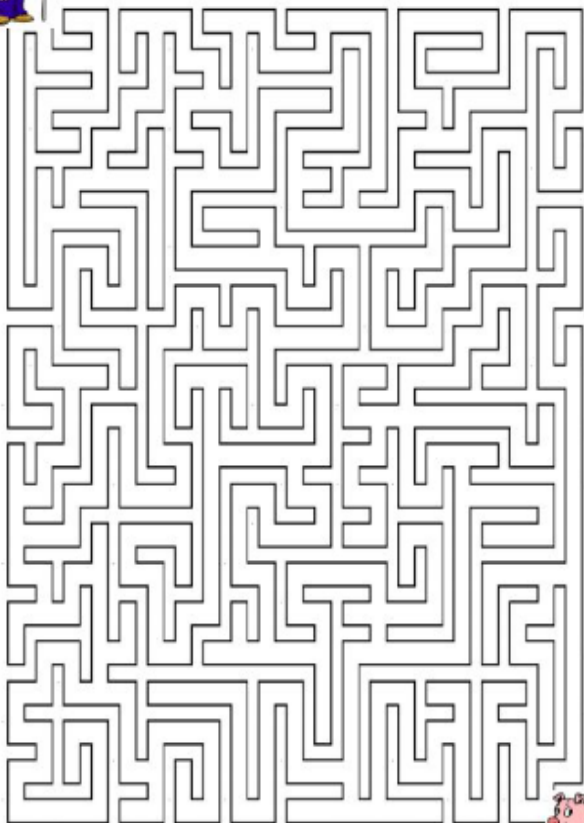
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### LAPFORD'S LONDON MARATHON RUNNER

A little note for Lapford to be proud of one of our villagers.

On the 28th of April, Lewis Lumsdon achieved something truly extraordinary—he completed the London Marathon! That alone is an amazing feat, requiring months of training, endless determination, and the kind of grit that not everyone possesses. But he didn't just run 26.2 miles—he ran with purpose, passion, and heart.

What makes this even more special is that he did it all to raise money for Kidney Research, which is a cause close to his heart. Kidney Research UK support and help so many people to deal with kidney disease and kidney failure everyday. Through his dedication, generosity, and the overwhelming support of so many of you, he raised nearly £3,000. That money will make a real difference—more than we can probably ever fully know. It's a testament to what can happen when someone decides to do something meaningful and puts their whole self into it.

Watching him train—rain or shine, early mornings, aching muscles, and all—was inspiring. And seeing him cross that finish line, knowing the journey it took to get there, filled me with nothing but admiration.

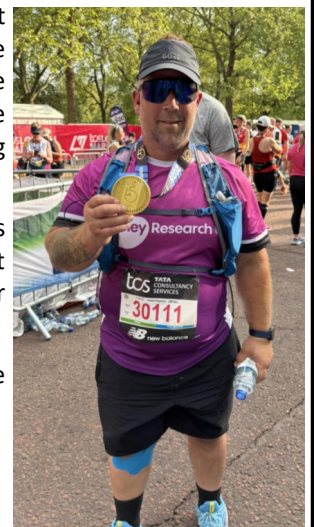
So, we celebrate more than just the marathon. We celebrate commitment. We celebrate community. And we celebrate the power one person has to bring about positive change.

Thank you for showing us what's possible when you run not just with your legs, but with your heart.

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Cheers!

**Stacey Lumsdon**





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BLOTTING PAPER—what you look for whilst the ink dries  
CIRCLE—a round line with no kinks in it joined up so neatly so you can't tell where it started  
CONFIDENCE—the feeling people have before they know better  
CONJURING—telling lies with the fingers  
COWARD—someone who wears water wings in the bath  
DENIAL—a river in Egypt  
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FJORD—a Norwegian car  
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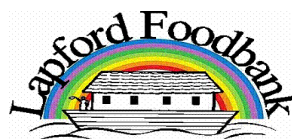
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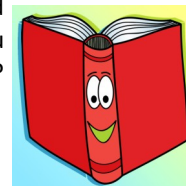
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fill in your customs form online while you wait.

Scan here to get started.



A gentle reminder of the services we offer at the Lapford Post Office. These include Car Tax, postage, home shopping returns, bill payments and cash deposits and withdrawals from all the major banks. We also have a great selection of hardware, stationery, confectionery, and greeting cards for that special occasion. Every transaction keeps us in the heart of the community. Why not pop in, say "Hello", and receive a warm welcome?

#### LAST POSTING TIMES AROUND THE VILLAGE

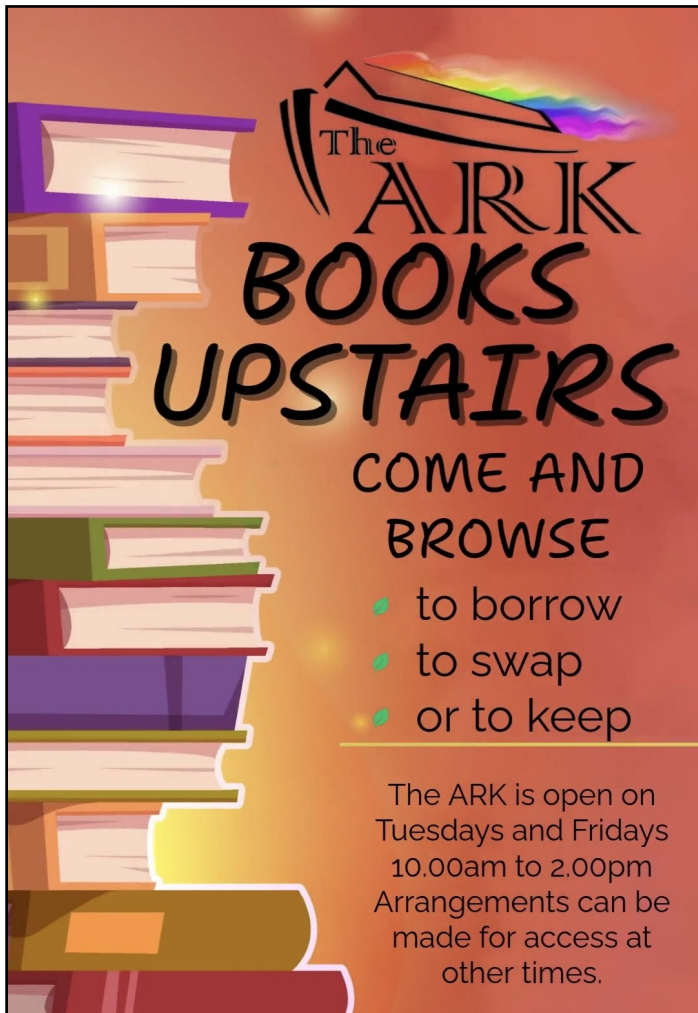


|                   | <u>Mon-Fri</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Eastington Cross  | 9.00 a.m.      | 7.00 a.m.       |
| Woodland Cottage  | 9.00 a.m.      | 7.00 a.m.       |
| Industrial Estate | 9.00 a.m.      | 7.00 a.m.       |
| Highfield         | 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.

| NAME OF SOCIETY                         | CONTACT                                   | TELEPHONE / EMAIL   |
|---|---|---|
| Adventure Gaming                        | Mr Warren Clayburn                        | 01363 83095 / wmclayburn@gmail.com  |
| Community Equipment                     | Mr Darren Crump<br>Mr Steve Keable        | 07960 715553 / darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk<br>07967 655045/ steve.keable@btinternet.com |
| Friends of Langannerie (twinning)       | Marion Pratt                              | 01837 82285 / marion174@btinternet.com  |
| Friends of Lapford Mill                 | Mr Alex Gater                             | 07815 795918 / alex@lapfordmill.uk  |
| Friends of Lapford School               | Mrs Stacey Lumsdon                        | 07891 556884 / friendsoflapfordschool@gmail.com   |
| HOLD                                    | Mr Bill Graham                            | 01363 83047 / bg4847@aol.com  |
| Home Library Service                    | Crediton Library                          | 01363 772578  |
| Ladies of Lapford (LOL)                 | LOL Team                                  | ladiesoflapford@gmail.com   |
| Lapford Allotment Society               | Mr Raymond Waldron                        | 01363 83894 / ednawaldron@btinternet.com  |
| Lapford Amateur Dramatic Society        | Mr Ian Wilkie                             | 01363 83437 / i.wilkie45@btinternet.com   |
| Lapford Association Football Club       | ~   | lapfordafc@gmail.com  |
| Lapford Book Club                       | Mrs Jane Epstein                          | 07779 926342 / jane.epstein@hotmail.com   |
| Lapford Celebrations Working Group      | Mrs Sue Briant-Evans                      | 01363 83763 / susanbriantevans@gmail.com  |
| Lapford Church Green Trust              | Mr Steven Fletcher                        | 07891 142436 /<br>steven.fletcher@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk                           |
| Lapford Community Church                | Miss Briony Clinch                        | 01363 83666 / admin@lapfordcc.org.uk  |
| Lapford CP School and Nursery           | ~   | 01363 83292 / admin@lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk  |
| Lapford Congregational Church           | Cat Seymour                               | 01363 884432 /<br>lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com                                 |
| Lapford Dog Club                        | Mrs Sara Thurgood                         | 01363 83081 / info@lapforddogclub.co.uk   |
| Lapford Emergency Action Plan Committee | Mrs Sue Briant-Evans                      | 01363 83763 /<br>sue.briantevans@lapfordparishcouncil.org.uk                            |
| Lapford Foodbank                        | Miss Briony Clinch                        | 07925 410172  |
| Lapford Handbell Ringers                | Mr Steve Munday                           | 07798 684225 / steve@themundays.org   |
| Lapford High 5 (ages 7-11)              | Mrs Cat Seymour                           | 01363 884432 / cathryn_seymour@outlook.com  |
| Lapford Gardening Club                  | Mrs Trish Mumford                         | 01363 83911 / james@mumfordj.plus.com   |
| Lapford Lookout                         | Mrs Beccy Fletcher                        | 07791 989142 / lapfordlookout@gmail.com   |
| Lapford Over 60 Club                    | Mrs Jeanne Whittaker                      | lapfordover60@yahoo.com   |
| Lapford Parish Church                   | Mrs Joan Graham                           | 01363 83047 / jemg47@aol.com  |
| Lapford Poppy Appeal Organiser          | Mrs Caroline Noon                         | 01363 83863 / lapford.pao@gmail.com   |
| Lapford Project 2000 (LP2K)             | Mrs Sue Briant-Evans                      | 01363 83763 / susanbriantevans@gmail.com  |
| Lapford Revel                           | Mr Mark Tanner or<br>Mrs Sue Briant-Evans | 07846 483231 / Gryff_raven@hotmail.co.uk or<br>01363 83763 / susanbriantevans@gmail.com |
| Lapford Victory Hall & Lower Town Place | Mr Darren Crump                           | 07960 715553 / darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk  |
| Lapford Village Archive                 | Ms Audrey McCormack                       | 01363 779462 / archivellapford2022@gmail.com  |
| Lapford Village Market                  | Mrs Stacey Lumsdon                        | 07891 556884 / lapfordvillagemarket@gmail.com   |
| Lapford Voluntary Car Aid               | Mrs Grace Hill                            | 01363 83178 / lvca2011.19@gmail.com   |
| Lapford Youth Club Management Committee | Mr Steve Keable                           | 07967 655045 / lapforyouthclub@gmail.com  |
| Lapford Youth and Playing Field Trust   | Mr Roy Andrews                            | 07969 823256 / roy.andrews1950@icloud.com   |
| Lower Town Place Gardening Group        | Mr Andy Epstein                           | amepstein55@gmail.com   |
| North Creedy Choral Society             | Mrs Patricia Robottom                     | 01363 884495 / patricia@serafim.eclipse.co.uk   |
| Nymet Rowland Village Pump              | Liz and Roland Smith                      | 01363 884446 / pump@incywincyweb.com  |
| The ARK                                 | Miss Briony Clinch                        | 07925 410172  |
| The Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury  | Mrs Prue Lambert                          | 01363 83150 / pruelambert@yahoo.co.uk   |





# The ARK BOOKS UPSTAIRS

COME AND BROWSE

- to borrow
- to swap
- or to keep

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



## RURAL ROAD SHOW

HOSTED BY MID DEVON HOUSING

This July, we're visiting rural areas in Mid Devon! This is a great opportunity to chat with your Neighbourhood Officer, meet with the repairs team, raise complaints or just pop by and share your thoughts on our service.

This relaxed, drop in event means you can come and go as it suits you. Surrounding areas are also welcome to attend.

### LAPFORD 17TH JULY

10.30am - 12pm  
Lapford Victory Hall, EX17 6PZ

**RAFFLE**  
Just attend and you're entered into a Prize draw!

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

**SNACK**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

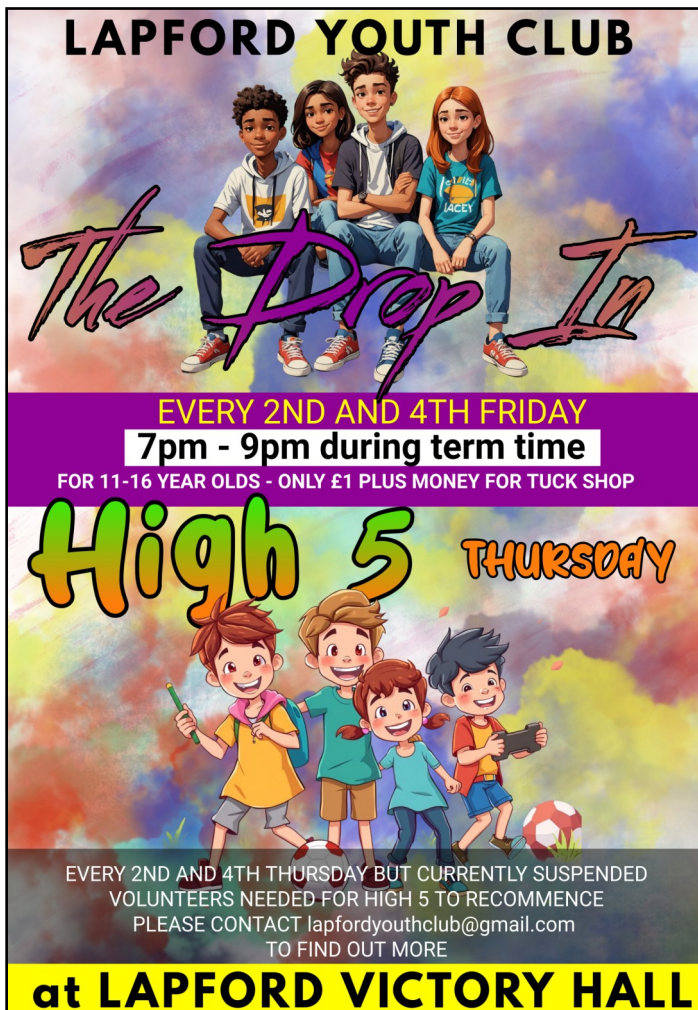
This is a drop-in session, however we kindly ask that you register your interest so we can make sure there's enough refreshments for everyone. To register your interest:

01884 255255    [tenantinvolvement@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:tenantinvolvement@middevon.gov.uk)

Bus fares and travel to the event by our tenants can be reimbursed, please bring receipts for travel and parking. Contact Tenant Involvement using the details above if you have enquires.

@MidDevonHousing



## LAPFORD YOUTH CLUB

# The Drop In

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY  
7pm - 9pm during term time  
FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS - ONLY £1 PLUS MONEY FOR TUCK SHOP

# High 5 THURSDAY

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY BUT CURRENTLY SUSPENDED  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HIGH 5 TO RECOMMENCE  
PLEASE CONTACT [lapfordyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:lapfordyouthclub@gmail.com) TO FIND OUT MORE

**at LAPFORD VICTORY HALL**



## CHAWLEIGH COMMUNITY MARKET

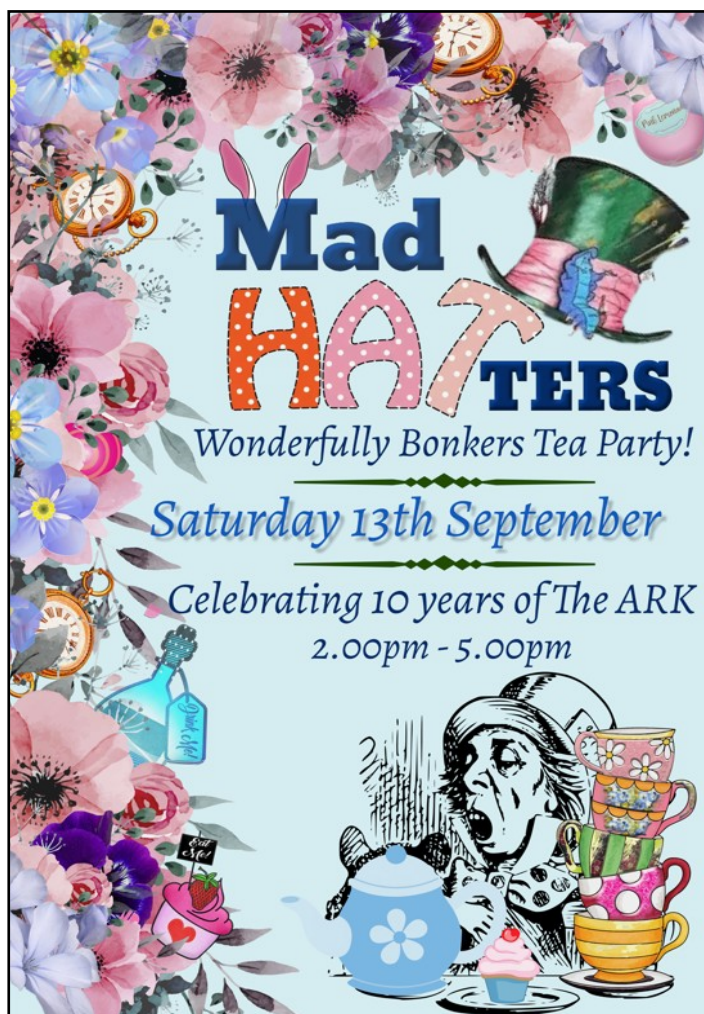
JUBILEE HALL, CHAWLEIGH  
SATURDAY 19th July  
10.00 TO 12.00

Stalls Raffle Refreshments

Vegetables and Preserves,  
Meat, Sausages and Baked Goods,  
Bric a Brac, Books, Cakes  
Cards and Gifts,  
Handmade Wooden Items  
Glass and Jewellery

Refreshments by Chawleigh Defibrillator  
Bacon and sausage baps, cakes, tea and coffee





## INDOOR CAR BOOT

**With Coffee & Cake**  
Hosted by Victory Hall committee  
**SATURDAY 26TH JULY**  
**10:00AM - 1:00PM**  
**LAPFORD VICTORY HALL**  
**£5 PER TABLE**

Please contact Abigail Whittaker to book a table.  
Call/text - 07565768386  
See you there!

Friends of Lapford School  
presents  
our 1st  
**DUCK RACE**  
Saturday 19th July  
4pm-6pm  
A377 just past Lapford station there  
will be signs  
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BBQ \* Games \* Raffle  
CASH ONLY

# QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 18th July  
**6.30pm for 7pm Start**  
@Lapford Congregational Church  
To include a light supper and dessert  
Raffle  
Teams of 4-6 people  
To book please email  
**lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com**  
Limited spaces available