



# LAPFORD LOOKOUT

*YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER*



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August 2025



## REVEL 25

Celebrating Lapford's Industrial Heritage



A floral tribute to Lapford's industrial heritage: flames, metal & machinery

Revel Bellringing Competition

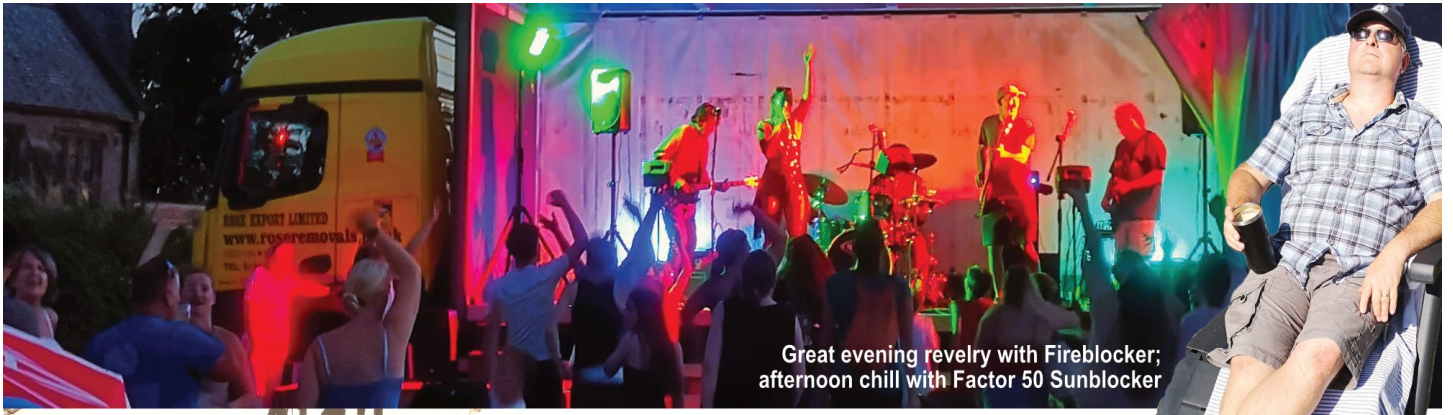


Dove Dance Academy



Revel Fayre. Music, storytelling, magic, stalls, entertainment & socialising. Great weather. Great turnout!





Great evening revelry with Fireblocker;  
afternoon chill with Factor 50 Sunblocker



A large number of people took interest in  
the 26 printed posters telling the story of  
the village's industrial heritage



Great to see so many in the village centre  
for Otter Morris & band, and for the  
community BBQ on Lower Town Place

Thanks to Banks Designs of Lapford for all  
the new Revel branded materials





## **DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR**

### **August 2025**

- 2nd 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
- 28th Lapford Over 60 Club, The ARK, 3pm

### **September 2025**

- 6th Lapford Gardening Club Village Show
- 6th LYPFT Car Boot Sale, Playing Field, 10.00am
- 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

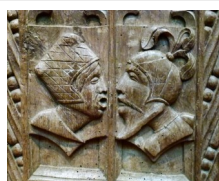
### **November 2025**

- 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)**



### **LAPFORD OVER 60 CLUB**

We wish to announce that our meeting on Thursday 28th August, 3pm at The ARK will be attended by Dr Todd Gray, who will enlighten us on the history of Devon Bench Ends from 1500 to 1600, amongst which will be those which adorn our church in Lapford.

### **CLOSED FOR AUGUST**

The ARK and Lapford Foodbank will be closed from Saturday 2nd August until Tuesday 9th September. This is to allow for reorganisation, cleaning and painting to be done.

The Foodbank can provide emergency parcels for 3-4 days. Please contact 07925 410172 to request a parcel.

Thank you



### **LAPFORD REVEL 2026**

Hi Lapford, Well, what else can I say but wow! What a Revel we had. Even though we had burning sun, it was fantastic to see so many out watching the parade and joining us on Lower Town Place. Everyone seemed to be having a good time from watching the crowning of our new king and queen to the incredible finale from the wonderful Fireblockers.

Of course behind the scenes a lot of hard work went into the event and I would like to say a big thank you to all of the committee and the brilliant volunteers. Without all of your efforts we wouldn't have a Revel at all. What was your favourite part of Revel? Or perhaps something happened and you think you have an idea to improve it. Why not join us for our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10th September at 7:30pm in the Orchard Centre. Find out how well things went and what we have planned for next year.

Thanks to everyone for coming along, those who helped, those who danced and all of those who made it such a wonderful Revel!



**Revel Chair**



## **Lapford Weather Review**

### **Lapford Weather June 2025**

Warmer and wetter than average.

The warmest day was the 30<sup>th</sup> with a maximum air temperature of 27.1°C. The coolest was the 7<sup>th</sup> when it only achieved 14.0°C. The coolest night was on the 8<sup>th</sup> with a minimum of 7.0°C. The grass temperature fell to 0.9°C. The first two weeks of the month were at or below the average for June, the following two weeks were above average, particularly at night when it remained quite warm at times.

Total rainfall was 127.6 mm, more than twice the average largely thanks to a couple of very wet days mid-month. The 12<sup>th</sup> gave 31.5 mm, and the 13<sup>th</sup> saw a fall of 58.1 mm, the wettest day I have recorded since I began here in Lapford in 1987.

The windiest day was the 26<sup>th</sup> with a gust of 30 m.p.h.



**Andy Epstein**

ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.

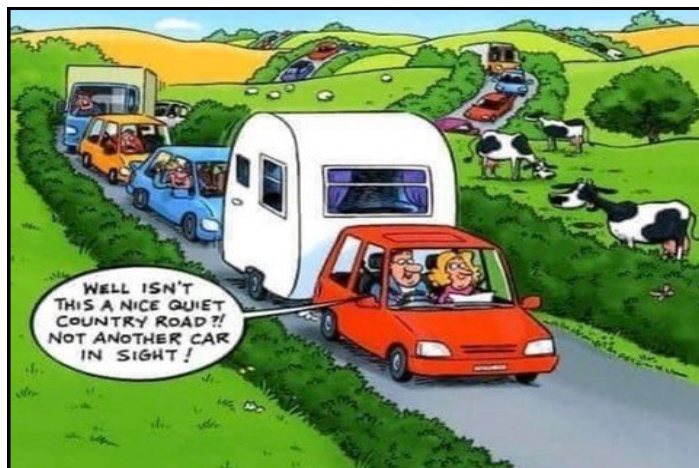
YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.

YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIFINGER.

THE WORD QUEUE IS JUST A Q FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.

JAIL AND PRISON ARE SYNONYMS. BUT JAILER AND PRISONER ARE ANTONYMS.

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A SHIPMENT. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED CARGO.



## 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.*

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

#### Services:

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Trinity 7

9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer

Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> – Trinity 8

9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer

Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>

10.30a.m. BCP Holy Communion (1662)

Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> – Trinity 9

9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer

Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> – St Bartholomew

9.30 a.m. Common Worship Eucharist

Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> -Trinity 11

10.00 a.m. MISSION COMMUNITY EUCHARIST at Coldridge



### LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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:

3rd Aug Dave Taylor

10th Aug Devon led Communion

17th Aug Service led by Cat Seymour

24th Aug No service

31st Aug Kevin Dudman

### 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.





Life is like a book.

Some chapters are sad, some are happy, and some are exciting, but if we never turn the page, we will never know what the next chapter holds.

### THOUGHTS FROM THE ARK

Try to picture this, you are in a restaurant with someone who's meal costs £15 and you're watching them struggle over the tip. They have £2 left over, and they know that a 10 per cent tip is considered the very minimum. They waste five minutes getting change for that second pound so they can leave a £1.50 tip rather than leave a little extra. What would have happened if they had left the full £2. They may have made the waiter or waitress's day. Fifty pence may not seem much, the message that goes along with it can make the world of difference to someone, especially if they are having a rough day. It says "Thank you, you did a good job, I appreciate you, you are valuable." Maybe the message gets lost – your server just sweeps up the coins without counting – but God blesses you for doing it, anyway. "Whoever sows generously, will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9 : 6. Think about it; you can increase the happiness of others and bless yourself with the mere change in your pocket.

This is just one tiny example of the many ways in which the small things we do can have surprisingly big repercussions. Simple acts of random kindness set the tone for your day. Going the extra mile – whether it's a slightly larger tip or an unexpected compliment or gift – costs very little and gets you a lot. And here is an important thought; we can have mountain-moving faith, understand and explain all the deep doctrines of the Bible, and get top marks for personal holiness, yet God's word says that without love we are nothing. Taken from UCB's Word for Today. This has been the ARK's mantra ever since it was opened in July 2015 – "simple acts of random kindness". We have tried to do this as often as we could, supporting the community whenever possible.

It will be all change at the ARK over the summer, that's why we are closing the Cafe and Foodbank for August. Our last day will be 1st August. It's not a complete make over but there is a need for some painting and cleaning to be done, there are things that need replacing, some items need to be thrown away, a good clear out is always positive. I'm hanging up my apron at the end of August and something new will be put in its place. It's an opportunity to review how the ARK and Foodbank have been functioning and to look to the future. Change can bring fresh ideas and a different perspective.

The ARK will open again Tuesday 6th September. In July The ARK will have been open 10 years, so we have decided to celebrate this by holding a Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday 13th September, 2 – 5pm. We will have the Copplestone Choir, the Hatherleigh Silver Band, providing music, a celebratory peal by Lapford bell ringers, not just a cream tea but an afternoon tea, and a parade of hats, with prizes for the best hats. Nearer the time there will be more details. We'd love for you to join us and help us celebrate.

**The ARK team**



We must all do our part for the planet.

The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using.

### WHEN ALBERT EINSTEIN MET CHARLIE CHAPLIN



Albert Einstein: What I admire most about your art, is its universality. You do not say a word, and yet, the world understands you!

Charlie Chaplin: It's true, but your fame is even greater! The world admires you, when nobody understands you.

### OPENING THE TODDLER PLAY AREA

On Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, alongside the LYPFT Vintage Rally, Cllr. Julie Down – Chair of the Parish Council – invited the head teacher of our school, Jessica Wright, to formally open the new toddler play area equipment. Jessica spoke about the great importance of play and described the enhanced opportunities provided by the school's play policy and play leadership. So, she had been very pleased to accept the invitation of the Parish Council to open the new village provision and to see how much the children were already enjoying it.

District Councillor Steve Keable described the process behind the twenty-thousand-pound project using 106 funding, topped up by the Parish Council.

Following the cutting of the ribbon and applause ceremonial bubbles were blown. The children needed no invitation to make use of the new facility.



**A few words**



**Cutting the ribbon**



**"You are what you do,  
not what you say you  
will do."**

— Carl Jung



### LADIES PUZZLE OVER SWEETS AND PUDDINGS

I am wondering what I can say about our June meeting. It took place in the ARK and was one of the quietest yet. It wasn't that the group was particularly small or that the participants weren't in a chatty mood. The reason for the silence was that they were all thinking very hard.



We had decided to have an evening of puzzling and had brought along some cryptic clues arranged under two headings. The group divided into pairs and set about solving the clues. One of the headings was Confectionary and the other was Puddings and Desserts. Silence descended apart from some very guarded whispering. Now and then there would be an excited shout from somebody when they solved a clue or a mutter or groan when the answer was eluding someone. The clues certainly kept them all busy. When everyone felt they had done as much as they could, we went through the answers. Here again there were a few groans of 'Oh, of course!' or 'It's obvious now'. But generally, the scores were high with everyone doing really well. We'll have to make them harder next time. If you would like a flavour of the evening, here are a few clues.

The first two are clues to some form a confectionary and the second two, to some sort of pudding or dessert.

Confectionary clues - 1 Wise guys, and 2 Father's painful toe.

Puddings and dessert clues - 1 Clowns' missiles, and 2 Not a sandwich cake but close.

After all the effort, well-earned drinks were served, cake was nibbled and the chatter broke out some of which was about the clues. Just as they thought they could go home, members were put through some more brain teasing with some dingbats. (It's hard to explain dingbats if you haven't come across them but the internet will provide examples if you are interested). The way things are written in the space and their relation to each other are all part of the clue. Here are a couple of dingbats to give you a taste. The answers are familiar sayings.

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   WINGS

After their challenging evening, members slipped off home probably very relieved to escape from the brain teasing although, fortunately, they did claim to enjoy it. Hopefully, we will see them again in July.

**Sue Raffill**

### BUYING TICKETS SAFELY ONLINE

Every music and sports fan knows that often, tickets for gigs, festivals, big games and tournaments sell out very quickly. To avoid disappointment this summer, you might turn to social media, online marketplaces or fan forums to look for tickets. You may get lucky, or you may get scammed, which is even more disappointing as not only do you miss out on tickets, you also lose your hard-earned money.

In a ticket scam, the seller tells you they'll post or email the tickets as soon as you've transferred the money to their bank account. But when you try to contact them after nothing's arrived, they've disappeared into thin air. Chances are, dozens of other people have fallen victim to the same fraud. Before buying tickets this summer, check out the expert advice on our website:

[www.getsafeonline.org/buyingticketsafely/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/buyingticketsafely/)

And enjoy your summer!

Devon and Cornwall  
**ALERT**



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### LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

Please note this is a summary of the main points of interest.

Five Parish Councillors, five three members of the public, and one invited guest attended the meeting.

- Mrs. Sarah Healey from Chulmleigh Academy Trust attended the meeting and explained the reasons for the proposal to change the name of the village primary school. The Council agreed to support the choice of "St. Thomas Church of England Primary School, Lapford".
- A quote for the repair of the fence posts at the footpath in Park Meadow Close was accepted.
- Councillors are to attend training on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
- It was agreed to push for enforcement action at Eastmere Farm.
- The concrete storage bin on land near the A377 will be removed as it was being used as a refuse bin which encouraged rats.
- The Toddlers' Play Area was officially opened on 28<sup>th</sup> June to a good reception.
- Work will continue on securing play facilities for the Playing Field but this has been delayed due to the Clerk's illness.
- Work continues to refurbish the toilets in the Orchard Centre.
- Outstanding highways matters are to be followed up as soon as possible.
- The flower bed at the top of the village has now been planted.
- The Council agreed to support two local planning applications.
- It is hoped to appoint a temporary Clerk to cover the Clerk's period of illness.
- Letters are to be written regarding weeds and overgrown hedges.

The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre.



## JOANNE HARRIS COMING TO CREDITON!

The Folklore Library & Archive, a small registered charity based in Crediton, is delighted to announce that it is hosting bestselling author Joanne Harris MBE at The Boniface Centre, Crediton, on Saturday 6th September at 7pm. (Doors open 6.30pm). Joanne will be talking about her latest book *Vianne*, the prequel to her 1999 novel *Chocolat*. To make the event a true celebration of chocolate, we're inviting Devon's independent chocolatiers to sell their wares at the event, and The Bookery will be handling book sales for us. Tickets are £10 from Crediton Library, or via [bit.ly/joanneharriscrediton](http://bit.ly/joanneharriscrediton).

We're really excited to be bringing someone of Joanne's status to Crediton!

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## REVEL 25

Celebrating Lapford's Industrial Heritage

### COMPETITION RESULTS

#### Lapford Revel Ringing Competition

10th July 2025

1. Down St Mary (19 faults) Received the Revel Shield
2. Bow (27 faults) Received the Malt Scoop Cup
3. Swimbridge (49½ faults)
4. East Anstey (52 faults)
5. Tiverton (86½ faults)
6. Stoke Canon (140 faults)
7. South Molton (disqualified)

#### Name the Jester

Ray Foxell for his entry "Jo King"

#### Best Dressed House

Pathways in Highfield for this garden presentation of Ambrosia Lapford memorabilia



### LAPFORD BOOK CLUB

#### Two Sisters by Josephine Cox

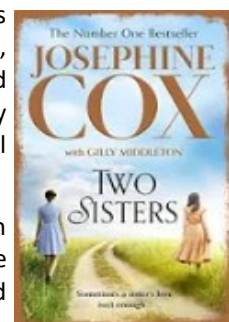
The two Arnold sisters both work on the same farm as their father. Ellen the older is a loyal honest reliable girl who is content with her life, but when the opportunity comes to work with her uncle Tom in the gardens of Grindle Hall, the nearby Manor house, she jumps at it. She works hard and learns fast. Her younger sister Gina, by contrast is unreliable, impulsive deceitful and craves to better herself.

Grindle Hall is owned by the Stellion family. Ellen is very happy working in the beautiful gardens, becoming a skilled gardener under her uncle's tutorship.

Gina is determined to better herself by tricking and cheating her way into the Stellion's lives. The consequences of her actions have some disastrous outcomes. Will Ellen's love for her sister be sufficient to save her or is she already too far down a path of self-destruction?

Not many members could be bothered to, read the whole book, those who did were not very impressed!

**Alison Nelson**





"It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome."

William James

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are."

Will Ferrell

### A GREAT DAY AT THE RALLY

The committee of Lapford Youth Playing Field Trust would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Vintage Rally. The weather was hot and the bar was busy...the strawberry teas went down a treat alongside the homemade cakes. Our final profit is a whopping £500.03 - amazing!! The Congregational Church BBQ also did really well with a profit of £140 to help with their windows fund.

It was so lovely to see so many people from the village, young and older, enjoying an afternoon out, while supporting two very good causes. Our thanks to Nigel Colgrave and Son who kindly sponsored the event.

Best wishes to you all.

**Roy Andrews, Chair**



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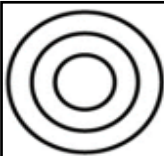
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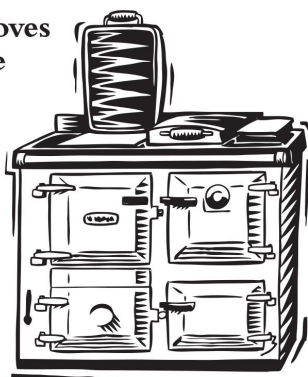
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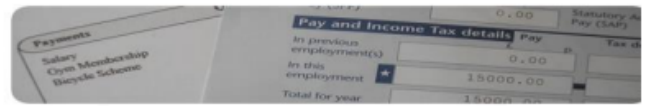
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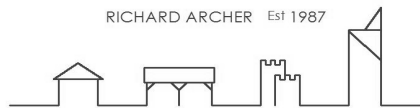
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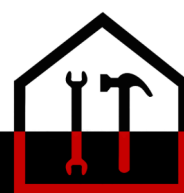
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Tuesday 5th  
Polymer clay Earrings, 10am-1pm - Make colourful baked polymer earrings in 3 designs, Jo Hunter (age 14+)

Pottery Animals 2-5pm Make little animals with clay, to be collected a week later, with Lynda Burton (all ages)

Wednesday 6th  
Painting 10am-1pm Layer the colour palette to make imaginary landscapes, with James Hedge (age 14+)

Thursday 7th  
Block Printing 10am-1pm Make layered designs using playful printing with carved lino blocks, with Grace Coombes (all ages)

Friday 8th  
Willow Craft 10am-1pm Weave small animals and baskets to take home, with Jane Welsh (all ages)

Mask making, 2-5pm - Using paint, collage, and bits & pieces to create masks to wear or for home decoration, Teresa Rodrigues (age 7+)

### In Newcombes Meadow

Saturday 9th - FREE drop-in art sessions for all ages (no need to book)  
Printing 10.30am-12.30pm Mono printing from nature, Hat Decorating 1-3pm Decorate a hat and take it home.  
Big Doodle 11am-3pm Add your mark to a communal graffiti scroll

### At Four Mills - The Turning Tides Project

Saturday August 2nd - Outdoor music workshops and performances, food all day! 11am-4pm

### Film and Music events

Sunday 3rd Open Air Cinema 'Wicked' in Newcombes Meadow, Food stalls from 7pm, film starts at 8:30pm

Wednesday 6th 2pm Matinee 'Paddington in Peru' at Crediton Arts Centre

Thursday 7th 7.30pm A Summer Celebration of Musical Styles, Crediton Congregational Church

### Arts in the Park

Saturday 9th August 10am - 4pm A free day out in the park with street theatre, art workshops, drumming and circus workshops, live music, a craft fair, face painting and food.

Theatre performances 11:30am-12:30pm, 2-3pm  
Drumming workshops 10:30-11:30am  
Higher Beings Circus Workshops, 11am-12:30pm, 2-3:30pm



## NEED TRANSPORT TO YOUR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT OR A PRESCRIPTION COLLECTED?

Lapford Voluntary Car Aid provides the residents of the village (including friends and family staying with you) with courteous, reliable, fully insured drivers to get you to your appointment safely and on time. Bookings can be made by telephoning Grace Hill on 01363 83178. Current fares are as follows:

Bow Medical Centre - £6  
Chulmleigh Dental Practice - £6  
Chulmleigh Health Centre - £6  
Credition (Breast Screening) - £7  
Credition Community Hospital - £6  
Morchard Bishop Surgery - £4  
Redlands Health Centre - £7  
Witheridge Surgery - £6

We have LVCA drivers available to take anyone to have their Covid/flu vaccinations. Please contact Grace as above.

## LIVE IN MID DEVON AND NEED DEBT OR ENERGY ADVICE?

The Citizens Advice Mid Devon team will be attending The ARK from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on the last Friday of each month to allow people to chat with them about any issues they would like help with, particularly around Energy or Debt issues. There is access to private spaces if necessary.



## NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE

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



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

*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).



What 3 Words app location:  
inert.depend.smart



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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## LAPFORD WEBSITES

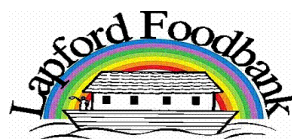
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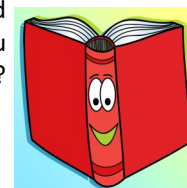
We would be grateful for the following donations:

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.



## LIBRARIES UNLIMITED HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Do you have difficulty in getting to Credition 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.



**Credition Library - Telephone: 01363 772578**

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- Emergency numbers ~ 999 or 112
- Childline ~ 0800 1111
- Churches House Action Team ~ 01884 255606
- Citizens Advice Bureau ~ 03444 111 444
- CAB Credition ~ 01363 776210 (M, W, Th, 9-3)
- Credition Ring and Ride ~ 01363 773303
- Crimestoppers ~ 0800 555 111
- Dog Fouling/Fly Tipping ~ 01884 255255
- Environment Agency Floodline ~ 0845 9881188
- Farming Community Network ~ 03000 111 999
- Gas Emergency ~ 0800 111999
- Highways (roads/lights/potholes) ~ 0345 155 1004
- Mental Health Support Out of Hours ~ The Moorings @Devon ~ Exeter: 07990 790 920 or Barnstaple: 07850 927 064
- NHS for non urgent medical needs ~ 111
- Patient Participation Group ~ Bill Graham ~ 01363 83047
- Police Non-emergency ~ 101
- Power cut ~ 105 or 0800 6783 105
- RAB 24/7 Support Line ~ 0800 188 4444
- RSPCA ~ 0300 1234 999
- Safeguarding concerns and Social Services ~ 0845 6000388
- Samaritans ~ 116 123, 01271 374343, 01392 411711
- SHOUT ~ Text 85258 for help from crisis volunteers
- Water leaks or burst mains ~ 0800 230 0561





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Contributions welcome

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**Deadline for inclusion in the next issue:**

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

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*Flyers and Inserts must be approved by the Editorial Team prior to publication and shall only be included at the discretion of the Editorial Team and editorial policy.*

*Any requests for placement of articles on particular pages in the Lapford Lookout should be submitted via email to the address above.*

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One half page:	£28 per month.
Whole page:	£56 per month.

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



### LAPFORD OUTREACH POST OFFICE

#### OPENING HOURS:

Monday 9.30 - 12.00

Friday 9.30 - 12.00

Sending gifts or goods abroad?

If you're using Royal Mail or Parcelforce,  
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.
Morchar 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



The final half term of the year at Lapford Community Primary School has absolutely zoomed by in a flurry of residential, performances and celebrations of learning and we will soon be saying a sad farewell to our wonderful Year 6s.

### Y6 Residential

At the end of June our Year 6s headed off to Bristol with their peers from East Worlinton and Chulmleigh for a 3-day residential to remember! This was an action packed three days and they certainly made the most of their visit, taking in SS Great Britain, the Brunel Museum, Warhorse at Bristol Hippodrome, We the Curious, Planetarium and Aquarium. They had a fantastic time and all enjoyed different highlights. An unexpected treat was meeting Michael Morpurgo in the theatre who talked to all the children about the performance. The children were exceptional throughout their time away and it was a lovely surprise to receive an email from a member of the public who had sat near our group in the theatre and wanted to take the time to let me know how impressed she was.

*"I am writing to you to give praise to your year 6 pupils and staff! I had the pleasure of sitting near them this evening at the*

*Bristol hippodrome watching Warhorse. The children did not make a peep during the show and were fully engrossed in all that it entailed. Your children and staff are a credit to you and the school."*

### Summer Music Concert

Perhaps the highlight of the half term was our Chulmleigh Academy Trust Primary Music Concert which took place on the field at Lapford. During the evening, our audience were treated to performances from musicians from across the trust schools including flautists, keyboard players, vocalists and of course Lapford's Brass Band. It is hard to believe that only a few months



ago the children in Herons were beginning their brass journey by buzzing into a straw! During the evening they performed a series of pieces in three-part harmony demonstrating amazing musicianship and ensemble performance skills. Thanks must go to Mr Healey who has been teaching them every Tuesday afternoon throughout the school year and has really helped them to develop confidence as well as musicality. I do hope some of our year 6s

might consider continuing with their brass instruments as they transition to Chulmleigh College as they have made such a strong start this year.

### KS2 Production

As we move towards the end of term, the school is a hive of activity and KS2 are ramping up the rehearsals for their end of year production, Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies! I am trying to avoid hearing and seeing too much of the production as I want to be wowed on the day of the performance, however on the odd occasion that I have been in the hall during rehearsals, I have been absolutely blown away by the quality of the acting and the enthusiasm the children have shown towards their singing and dancing. It's set to be a fantastic show and anyone fortunate enough to be able to watch it is in for a treat!

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





# CRAFT DAY

Would you like to learn how to reupholster your own chairs at home whilst helping out The ARK?

**Are you free on Thursday 7th August?**

If the answer is yes then head down to The ARK at 10am for a free lesson and hands on experience with **Beccy Fletcher** whilst recovering The ARK's dining chairs



- The ARK's 20 dining chairs are in desperate need of recovering
- Tools will be supplied for the day
- Refreshments will be provided by The ARK

For Further information contact Beccy Fletcher on 07791 989142

# Mad HATERS

Wonderfully Bonkers Tea Party!

**Saturday 13th September**

Celebrating 10 years of The ARK  
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Music from the Copplestone Choir and Hatherleigh Silver Band

Decorate your Hat Competition

Bell Ringers Ringing to Celebrate Afternoon Tea and Much More



## LAPFORD YOUTH CLUB



# The Drop In

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY  
7pm - 9pm

FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS - ONLY £1 PLUS MONEY FOR TUCK SHOP  
OPEN IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BY POPULAR REQUEST

# 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**

# 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.

