



LAPFORD AUTUMN

Village Tidy-up Day

*Give an hour or two to help
keep our village clean and tidy.*

**Tasks to include litter-picking,
weeding, pruning back etc.**

Organised by Lapford Parish Council

MEET AT THE ORCHARD CENTRE

FROM 9.30 AM TO SIGN IN

Just turn up

*Hi-Vis bibs, litter-pick sticks,
rubbish bags and gloves will be provided.*

HOT DRINKS & CAKE PROVIDED

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Are you getting ready for the Village Show?

Organised by



6th September 2025
Victory Hall

Who can enter?

Anyone and it's free. There is also a special children's section.

THE MORE ENTRIES THE BETTER. LET'S MAKE IT BIG

What to enter?

See schedule on page 9 of this Lapford Lookout

*PHOTOGRAPHY, ART AND HOME MADE SECTIONS
WILL NEED ADVANCE PREPARATION*

How to enter?

Bring your entry to the Victory Hall between 9-11am on 6th September and complete the entry form available on the day.

*IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO STAGE YOUR EXHIBIT,
HELP WILL BE AVAILABLE*

What does it cost to enter?

It's Free!!

What can I win?

Lots of silver cups or place cards

Open to public from 3pm

with Teas available

Awards at 4pm

FRIENDS OF LAPFORD SCHOOL DUCK RACE

Thank you for the superb support of our inaugural 'Friends of Lapford School Duck Race' held on 19th July. It was a real joy to have all generations from 0 to 90 together in the field below Barris Corner enjoying games, duck racing and a memorable Tug of War!

We raised an impressive £1,800. This money will contribute to future school trips, residentials, school minibus use and extra resources for play and learning. After having to cancel the Christmas Fayre due to stormy weather in December it was especially important to raise these funds. Thank you so much Lapford!

The FLS Committee





DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

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
- 10th Lapford Revel AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 11th Messy Church, Congregational Church, from 3.30pm
- 13th Mad Hatters Wonderfully Bonkers Tea Party, The ARK, 2pm
- 14th Harvest Festival, Congregational Church, 11.00am
- 14th Copy deadline for October Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 18th Ladies of Lapford, Skittles at the Waie Inn, 7.30pm
- 20th Lapford Tidy Up Day, meet at the Orchard Centre, 9.30am
- 27th Lapford Table Top Sale, Victory Hall, 10.00-13.00pm

October 2025

- 14th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 14th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th Copy deadline for November Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 17th Quiz Night in the Victory Hall
- 25th LVCA Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00

November 2025

- 11th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 11th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th Copy deadline for December Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 16th Community Roast, Congregational Church, 12.30pm
- 22nd LYPFT Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 24th Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm

December 2025

- 9th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 9th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th Copy deadline for January Lapford Lookout, 6pm

Future Dates

- 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
- 10-12th July Lapford Revel 2026

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

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future,
concentrate the mind on the present moment.
Buddha

Just as a solid rock is not shaken by the storm, even so the
wise are not affected by praise or blame.
Buddha

BUTT?!

So where does the term 'butt' come from? The term "butt" originally referred to a medieval measurement for the capacity of wine casks, which was standardised in the year 1707.

Among these measurements, the largest was the tun (distinct from the weight measurement, ton), approximately equal to 252 wine gallons (953.92 liters).

From the tun, other units were derived. A butt represented half of a tun, while a puncheon equalled a third of a tun.

A hogshead was defined as a quarter of a tun, and interestingly, two hogsheads together constituted a butt, with each holding 63 gallons (238.48 litres). Following these were smaller units: the tierce, the barrel, and the rundlet, each progressively smaller in size.

Credit – Rural Historia

WHAT A SUMMER FOR THE DOG CLUB

We celebrated 30 years of dog training.

Over 50 past and present members joined the Committee at Lapford Mill to celebrate and enjoy a fine afternoon tea and Prosecco. The Hot Club of Stonehouse provided background music. Chair, Sara Thurgood, welcomed founder member Pete Crotty, who explained how the Club came about and the early days down at the Yeo Vale. Sara brought it up to date with details of the regular obedience training either outside at Serstone or at the Victory Hall, as well as the diversification into agility which is increasingly popular.



In other news, the Club ran yet another two day agility show at Southcott XC. There were three competition rings on each day and our judges produced some challenging courses in both jumping and agility. After a busy day of competition, those who

camped were entertained by Paul Adams.

Finally seven obedience members were put through their paces at Lower Town Place to pass the Kennel Club Silver Good Citizens Award.





Spent their July meeting at Homeleigh Garden Centre, where they enjoyed a delicious cream tea. This was our annual treat, and long may it continue! A big thank you to Margaret Thorne for organising the trip for us.

Jeanne Whittaker

MEMORY CAFÉ

Do you or any of your loved ones struggle with memory problems? I am exploring whether it would be helpful to have a Memory Café in Lapford.

A Memory Café offers many valuable things such as support, information and friendship to people living with dementia and their carers, in the local communities where they live

It may be that there isn't a need, but if you feel it would be helpful, please text me on 07484 881638 and let me know.

Many thanks,

Sue

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 (t) **01363 83047**

Services:

Sunday September 7th	9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer
Wednesday September 10th	10.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion (1662)
Sunday September 14th—Holy Cross	11.00 a.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL at the Congregational Church
Sunday September 21st—St Matthew	9.30 a.m. Lay Led Morning Prayer
Sunday September 28th	9.30 a.m. Common Worship Eucharist



LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Contacts:

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email: lapfordcongregationalchurch@gmail.com

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

Services:

Services every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
Communion will be held on the second and fourth Sundays

Preachers for this month:

7th September: Dave Taylor
14th September: Churches together Harvest Festival at Lapford Congregational Church
21st September: Merrill Archer (Communion)
28th September: No Service

Messy Church: 11th September 3.30pm



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contacts:

Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666**

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.



AGRI INNOVATION & SUPPORT PROGRAMME – FREE SUPPORT FOR DEVON FARMERS

The Agri Innovation & Support Programme offers *bespoke, one-to-one advice* for farmers across Devon looking to strengthen their farm business, explore diversification, or adopt regenerative and innovative practices. There are two streams of support available:

- **Agri Innovation Support** – For farmers in **Teignbridge, South Hams or West Devon**, looking to adopt regenerative and innovative approaches with a focus on productivity and sustainability.
- **Farm Business Support** – For farmers in **East Devon, Mid Devon and Teignbridge**, who need advice on challenges such as succession planning, financial sustainability, or operational improvements.

All support is **free of charge**, provided by experienced local agricultural advisors with a practical understanding of farming in Devon.

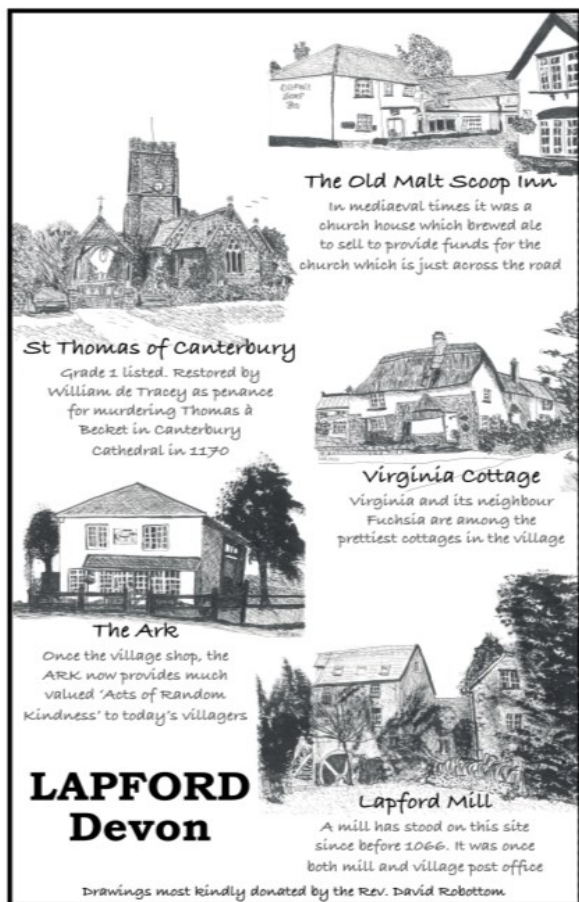
For further information please visit <https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/agri-innovation-support/> or call 01837 659 059 to learn more or register your interest.

THE LAPFORD T-TOWEL

Drawn and designed locally to raise funds to support our parish church. An attractive and extremely useful present or souvenir.

On sale for £10.00 in the ARK, at village markets and village events, or please contact: pruelambert@yahoo.co.uk 07712 433777.

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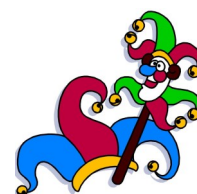


LAPFORD REVEL AGM

Wednesday September 10th

7.30pm

The Orchard Centre



How was the Revel for you this year including – procession, crowning, Morris dancing, music, stalls, entertainment, food, bar, bouncy castle, display, service?

Our Committee is fun, welcoming and hard working. Why not join us to help make plans for next summer?



Revel dates for 2026:
10th, 11th & 12th July.

THANK YOU

Thank you to John Burrows for kindly offering to relocate Karen's memorial seat to the toddler area in the playing field. It was felt that it would be used more frequently there, especially by John's family and grandchildren.

Thanks also to Trevor and Grace Hill for arranging the move.

Lapford Parish Council



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Join in on Thursday 18th September 2025 and do your bit to support local people affected by cancer.

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THE PARK HOUSE - A NEW VENUE IN THE HEART OF CREDITON. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Crediton Heart Project has some exciting plans to develop a community arts venue on the edge of Newcombes Meadow and we want to know what you think. The Park House would include a flexible performance space, with seating for 300, rooms for other community activities and a beautiful café opening onto the park. It would provide a welcoming and inclusive place to meet, learn and create together in the heart of our town



Built on the site of the dilapidated Union Road toilet block, between the War Memorial and Bike Shed, the Park House could offer amazing opportunities for local and national performance groups and bring many more events to our area, including theatre, cinema, dance, comedy and live music. It would transform our park and regenerate our town centre.

Crediton and its surrounding villages are important and vibrant communities in Mid Devon. But Crediton is expanding and to avoid it becoming a dormitory town for Exeter, we need to provide the spaces and facilities to ensure that people can choose to spend their leisure time locally and that our community continues to thrive.

The project is being led by the Crediton Heart Project, with support from Crediton Town Council and Mid Devon District Council. The Heart Project is a volunteer led charity, set up in 2018 with the key aim of developing a new community venue. Since then we have been exploring possible sites and running a range of successful projects such as the Crediton Heart Project community website, an annual Summer Arts Festival and, most recently, the Kick Start Art project for children.

Last year the Newcombes Meadow site became available so we commissioned a feasibility study by award winning theatre designers, Foster Wilson Size. They concluded the site could accommodate a 300-seat professionally equipped theatre suitable for a wide range of performances and events. The Park House hasn't been designed yet, but this is a computer generated image of what it could look like.



This is a hugely ambitious project with the potential to benefit everyone in our community. But before we take the next steps we need to know what people in the town and surrounding villages think. We would be very grateful if you could share your views by completing a short online survey available via this QR code or our website www.creditonheartproject.org Paper copies of this survey are also available at Crediton Library and Crediton Town Council. Thank you.





FREE.....CRAB APPLES!

The crab apple tree planted in memory of the late Sybil Williams, by the car park, has (at the time of writing) an abundance of fruit!

If you can use the apples, please help yourself....it would be a shame to waste them.

Lapford Parish Council

CHULMLEIGH & DISTRICT AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Friday 26th September "The Origins of Policing", a talk by ex Police Superintendent Mick Doyle, 7.30pm

Friday 31st October "Hornets: Gentle Giants", a talk by wildlife photographer Stephen Powles, 7.30pm

Friday 28th November Fuad Ramadan returns for a talk this time on charity Shelterbox, 7.30pm

All meetings at Chulmleigh Pavilion, Leigh Road EX18 7JL, members £5, non-members £7

A teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect, for which I am eternally grapefruit.

THANK YOU LAPFORD SCHOOL

What an amazing school, thank you so much for all you have done for my children. I'm sure the secret is lots of hard work, patience and many a giggle in the staffroom. You are all incredible; I couldn't have chosen a better school, not just academically but in all aspects of learning. You've done a wonderful job in preparing them both for their futures, keep up the hard work! Thank you.

Caroline Passmore



Lapford Weather Review

Lapford Weather July 2025

Another milder than average month. On the dry side.

The warmest day was the 11th with a maximum of 31.2°C, this came during a 4 day heat wave. This was the warmest day since 12th August 2022. The coolest was the 6th with a maximum of 17.6°C. The coolest night was on the 3rd with a minimum of 7.8°C.

Total rainfall was 27.3 mm, less than half the July average. The wettest day was the 21st with 9.7 mm.

The windiest day was the 15th with a gust of 38 mph.

Andy Epstein



CHULMLEIGH RURAL CINEMA



True story behind the rise of one of the most iconic singer-songwriters in history, culminating in a ground-breaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide. Near perfect biopic with a suitably electric performance by Timothée Chalamet. (15)

Friday 12th September 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 10th October The Salt Path (15)

Friday 14th November The Ballad of Wallis Island (PG)



CHAWLEIGH COMMUNITY MARKET

JUBILEE HALL, CHAWLEIGH

SATURDAY 20th September

10.00 TO 12.00

Stalls Raffle Refreshments

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

Refreshments by Connect
Bacon baps, cakes, tea and coffee

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.

LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES MEETING HELD ON 12TH AUGUST 2025

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

Six Parish Councillors and four members of the public attended the meeting.

- The Council was updated on the situation regarding the recent burst sewerage pipe at Lapford Mill.
- The new Toddlers' Play Area is well used.
- Progress with the Telephone kiosk and the Orchard Centre is ongoing.
- Planning enforcement matters were discussed.
- Council considered the possibility of brown Tourism signs for the A377.
- The yellow post box is to be refurbished.
- Members of the public are encouraged to help themselves to fruit from the crab apple planted in memory of Sybil Williams.
- The concrete storage bin on land by the A377 is to be removed shortly.
- The S.106 application for funds towards equipment on the main playing field has been submitted to Mid Devon District Council.
- It was agreed to trial a vinegar based weedkiller. MDDC no longer clears weeds.
- There is to be a Village Tidy Up Day on 20th September. A list of potential jobs to be compiled at the next meeting.
- It was agreed to support LYPFT with a grant of £336.27 to cover its insurance premium.
- The new name for Lapford Primary School will be "St. Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School, Lapford."
- Two fuchsias stolen from the flower bed will be replaced.
- Councillors agreed to support an application for an agricultural building at Great Hole.
- The Clerk hopes to be back doing some paperwork shortly and will start with bringing the Council's financial affairs up to date.
- All Councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Plan group to be aware of a Planning Training Presentation from MDDC.
- The bench in memory of Karen Burrows is to be moved to the playing field.
- The hedge by the river and railway bridges has been cut by the Quick family. Thank you
- The Council would like to revisit the idea of a logo and will discuss guidance for this at their next meeting.
- The water leak at Kelland Hill has now been repaired.
- The Clerk will be asked to follow up outstanding highways matters as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held on 9th September at 7.30pm in the Orchard Centre.

LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)



Please come and join us at the
Waie Inn at 7.30pm for skittles and a meal

Thursday 18th September

(Members will be contacted re lift sharing)

We always welcome new members.

Come and join us!

CONGRATULATIONS

To Cliff and Mary Willcocks from Orchard Way who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 1st August.

They enjoyed celebrating with family and friends and wish to thank everyone for all their kind wishes.



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.



Lapford Village Show 6th 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

Quiz NIGHT?

Friday 17th October

Lapford Victory Hall

Hosted by Victory Hall committee
More details to follow.

Chulmleigh & District Garden Society

Autumn Show
Sat. 13th Sept
The Pavilion
Leigh Rd.
Open to all

Childrens Classes Free
Adults 20p per exhibit
Raffle & Refreshments

Submit Entry Forms by
Tues 9th September
Staging 12.30pm - 1.55pm

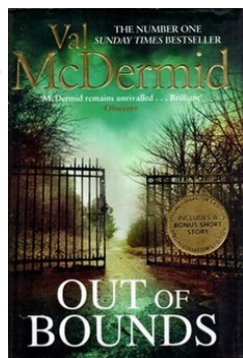
New Members Welcome
Info
katedistinharvey@
Yahoo.co.uk

Public Viewing
from 3.30pm

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB

Out of Bounds by Val McDermid

Out of bounds means beyond the remit of Detective Chief Inspector Karen Pirie of Police Scotland's Historic Cases Unit. Set in Edinburgh her investigation into an historic case involves the brutal murder of a young hairdresser and becomes entangled with another officer's current case of four joy-riding teenagers and the death of three of them. Two more threads are picked up as relevant by Karen and her less than switched-on assistant Jason and concern a current investigation into the apparent suicide of Gabriel – a bit of an eccentric loner, and the supposed IRA bombing of a light aircraft twenty years earlier.



The threads are complex enough in themselves without DCI Pirie's personal problems and her not altogether cordial relations with Police colleagues who value neither her meddling in their cases, her methods, thoroughness or insatiable curiosity.

A thoroughly enjoyable, fast-paced, beautifully written and researched story. Highly recommended particularly for the complexity of the plot intertwined with family and professional relationships which play out over two decades.

Sue Briant-Evans

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CHULMLEIGH & DISTRICT SOCIETY PRESENTS "THE ORIGINS OF POLICING"



Former Police Superintendent Mick Doyle gives an insight into the history of British Policing and its milestones, unearthing some family and local connections along the way. Mick joined "the job" well over 40 years ago and will also share some stories from his early days as a constable. Some names will be changed, not to protect the guilty or the innocent, but simply because he may not remember them!

Friday 26th September, 7.30pm
Chulmleigh Pavilion, Leigh Road, EX18 7JL
Members £5 non-members £7 payable on the door
Wine, beer and fruit juice for sale

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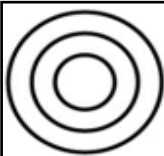
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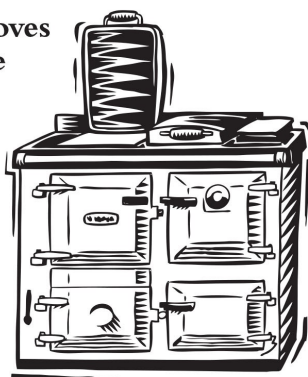
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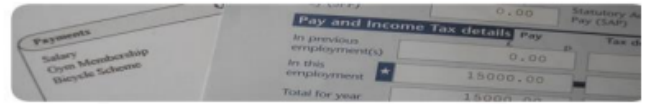
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22nd July 2025

Dear All

I am delighted to announce that the change of status for Lapford Community Primary School has today been confirmed by the DfE.

From September 2025, the school will become a Church of England primary school. Given that this is now confirmed, the school will also change its name.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent consultation on the change of name. Responses to the comments are included below.

The Directors of Chulmleigh Academy Trust, and senior leaders carefully considered the responses. What we found particularly interesting was the history surrounding the Anglican church- as outlined by local historians at a recent parish-council meeting.

Having taken this into account, directors have therefore agreed that the school will become: 'St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School, Lapford'

Next year, there will be an official re-opening of the school. More details will follow in the autumn.

Thank you again for your support during this historic moment in time for the school and the village.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sarah Healey
Primary Deputy Executive Headteacher

Responses to consultation feedback:

Consultation not wide enough

People immediately connected with Lapford and the school were consulted: staff, parents, children, the community, including the Parish council, Lapford's three churches, Devon County Council and Exeter Diocese.

It was felt there was no need to consult more widely as the views of the Lapford pupils, parents, staff and village community were the most important.

Not received consultation information

This information was sent out via emails, as is the usual method of communicating.

No need to change name- school and village are wonderful

Agree with this, but currently pupil numbers are too low. From September, only 41 pupils are on roll from Reception to Year 6. If the school was full, there would be 105 children enrolled. Primary pupil numbers are low nationally. Local residents appreciate what a great school it is, but to attract more children, the net needs to be cast further afield. A large rebrand with national press coverage will draw attention to the school and hopefully attract families considering a relocation to this hidden gem. The present low pupil numbers do not make the current class or staffing structure sustainable in the long term.

Cost to parents because of rebranding

There will be no cost to parents.

St Martha not a 'local' saint

Agree with this. Martha was a suggestion. The fascinating history surrounding Thomas Becket and Lapford was hitherto unknown to the trust and to the school. We are delighted that by consulting on a name we have found this out. We agree it makes more sense to adopt a saint who continues to engage local pride.

The Trust makes some financial gain by this process

There is no financial benefit to doing this unless pupil numbers increase. The more pupils, the more funding. Increased funding because of more pupils, goes directly to the school.

Church schools receive more money

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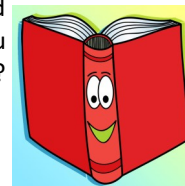
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OPENING HOURS:

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.



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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 YOUTH CLUB



EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY
7pm - 9pm
 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 lapforyouthclub@gmail.com
 TO FIND OUT MORE

at LAPFORD VICTORY HALL



Messy Church

Join us
 for our
 September
 session!

FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

THURSDAY
 11th
 SEPTEMBER
 FROM 3.30PM

LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GOD AS A FAMILY!





WILL BE HELD @ LAPFORD PLAYING FIELD
 on SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025
 SELLERS 10am—BUYERS 11am
 £5 PER CAR
 £7 PER VAN OR CAR & TRAILER
 For more information please contact Grace on 07807019890
 IN AID OF LAPFORD YOUTH PLAYING FIELD TRUST



A Lapford
Three Churches
Event

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY	SONG WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
14	
SEPTEMBER	STARTS AT 11AM

**LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

Food donations
and collection to
Lapford Food Bank.

Please join us
for refreshments
after the service.



Table Top Sale With coffee & pancakes

Saturday 27th September

Hosted by Victory Hall committee
Lapford Victory Hall
10am - 1pm
£5 a table.

Please contact Abigail Whittaker
to book a table - 07565768386



Mad HATTERS

Wonderfully Bonkers Tea Party!

Saturday 13th September

Celebrating 10 years of The ARK
2.00pm - 5.00pm

What's Happening?

Church Bells ringing

Welcome and Opening
Registration for Hat Competition
Hatherleigh Silver Band
Copplestone Community Choir
Afternoon Tea
Hat Parade and Judging
Hatherleigh Silver Band
Copplestone Community Choir
Prize Giving
Closing Ceremony

Hat Competition
Please wear your best decorated hat.
Prizes for the best in three age groups:
Under 12, Under 18, Adults

Please bring a chair or rug to sit on

Visit The ARK to see how it started and
what we do

All events are free
but donations are very welcome.

Lapford Community Church