



LAPFORD LOOKOUT

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Year 29 Issue 10

October 2025

PUDDING QUIZ Night

Lapford Victory Hall

Friday 17th October

7:30 £8 per head.

Soft & Hot drinks available

Raffle

Puddings included

Entries to

darrencrump99@hotmail.co.uk

07960715553

Please bring your own alcohol.

Teams of
4-6 people.

**PHOTOS FROM
THE MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY
Saturday 13th September 2025**
Courtesy of Malaika Kigongo





DATES TO LOOKOUT FOR

October 2025

- 11th Men's Breakfast @ The ARK
- 14th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 14th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th Copy deadline for November Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 16th Ladies of Lapford, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 17th Quiz Night in the Victory Hall
- 25th LVCA Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 31st Lapford Over 60's Club, The ARK, 3pm
- 31st The ARK, open for hot chocolate and cake, 6-9.00pm

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
- 20th Ladies of Lapford, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 22nd LYPFT Lapford Village Market, Victory Hall, 10.00-12.00
- 24th Lapford Project 2000 AGM, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Lapford Over 60's Club, Christmas shopping trip

December 2025

- 6th Christmas Bingo Night, Victory Hall, 6.30pm, ED 7.30pm
- 9th Lapford Gardening Club, The ARK, 7.30pm
- 9th Lapford Parish Council, Orchard Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th Copy deadline for January Lapford Lookout, 6pm
- 12th Lapford Pensioner's Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.30pm

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
- 5th Sept Gardening Club Annual Show 2026

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

LADIES OF LAPFORD MEETINGS (LOL)



Please come and join us in The ARK at 7.30

Thursday 16th October

Rob Springthorne will be coming to talk about
Blood Bikes in the South West

Thursday 20th November

Christmas Crafting with Beccy

We always welcome new members—come and join us!



LAPFORD VOLUNTARY CAR AID



Monthly Market /coffee morning
at the Victory Hall on
Saturday 25th October.
10am - 12noon
Produce Stalls and Tabletop
Bacon/egg rolls, toasted teacakes,
tea/coffee.
Stalls £5
Please call Grace on
07807 019890 to book.

**ALL PROFITS TO GO TO
LAPFORD VOLUNTARY
CAR AID**



LAPFORD PARISH COUNCIL NOTES MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Five Parish Councillors, the District and County Councillor, and five members of the public attended the meeting.

- The bin in the Orchard Centre has been broken and is to be replaced with a metal wall mounted bin. A new commercial wall mounted toilet roll holder will also be purchased.
- The Council is to consider the possibility of a reduced speed limit of 20mph at a future meeting.
- Work on the telephone kiosk and the Orchard Centre is ongoing.
- Planning enforcement matters were discussed.
- HOLD and the Victory Hall Committee are to seek renewal of the planning permission for the two storage containers.
- The chestnut tree has now been felled and the trunk removed to Lapford Primary School.
- Good progress is being made with the S.106 application for funds towards equipment on the main playing field.
- Ownership of the land outside the Orchard Centre is being checked.
- Reports were received of flooding at the bottom of Orchard Way and Highfield.
- The Council now has a complete copy of SWW drawings for the village.
- Arrangements were agreed for the Village Tidy-Up Day on 20th September.
- Councillors agreed to support an application for a dung store at Rudge Rew.
- Detailed up to date bank reconciliation and receipts and payments schedules were presented and agreed.
- The Clerk is making good progress and hopes to be able to attend the October meeting.
- A clay tile presented by our French friends is to be hung in the Orchard Centre.
- There will be an update on railway matters at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be held at the Orchard Centre at 7.30pm on 14th October 2025.

CREDITON ARTS CENTRE - OCTOBER EVENTS

2nd	7.00pm	Music & Food	Jazz on the Green
4th	7.30pm	Music:	Harbottle & Jonas
9th	7.30pm	Film:	The Line We Crossed
10th	7.30pm	Theatre	Happy Hour
18th	7.30pm	Theatre:	Tongues & Savage/Love
23rd	7.30pm	Music:	Dan Whitehouse & Gustaf Ljunggren
30th	7.30pm	Film:	Last Thursday Picture Show

Tickets from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre or ring 01363 773260

"Our greatest glory
is not in never falling, but
in rising every time we fall."

- Confucius

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 October 5 th <i>Trinity 16</i>	9.30 a.m.	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Wednesday October 8 th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP (1662)
Sunday October 12 th <i>Trinity 17</i>	9.30 a.m.	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Sunday October 19 th <i>Trinity 18</i>	9.30 a.m.	Lay Led Morning Prayer
Sunday October 26 th <i>Last of Trinity</i>	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

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:

5th	Cat Seymour
12th	Steve Fletcher
19th	Merril Archer
26th	No service



LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contacts:

Briony Clinch - Tel: **83666**

Email: admin@lapfordcc.org.uk

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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

COMMUNITY ROAST

BEGINS 12.30PM NOVEMBER 16TH

LAPFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

£5 FOR ROAST AND DESSERT

BOOKING ADVISED DUE TO LIMITED SEATING
PLEASE BOOK VIA EMAIL
LAPFORDCONGREGATIONALCHURCH@GMAIL.COM
OR TEL: 01363 884432

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.

Now back in stock. **Shop early for Christmas!**

The Old Malt Scoop Inn
In mediaeval times it was a church house which brewed ale to sell to provide funds for the church which is just across the road

St Thomas of Canterbury
Grade 1 listed. Restored by William de Tracey as penance for murdering Thomas à Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170

Virginia Cottage
Virginia and its neighbour Fuchsia are among the prettiest cottages in the village

The Ark
Once the village shop, the ARK now provides much valued 'Acts of Random Kindness' to today's villagers

Lapford Mill
A mill has stood on this site since before 1066. It was once both mill and village post office

LAPFORD Devon

Drawings most kindly donated by the Rev. David Robottom

DEVON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



"Devon Community Foundation (DCF) has adopted a new approach to distributing grants. The foundation has an extensive database of community groups and charities and will use this to identify those that fit the funds that are available at any time. DCF will then invite relevant organisations to submit an application.

If you have submitted an application to Devon Community Foundation since 1 January 2023, successful or not, you will already be on their list and will be considered for all funding on a rolling basis.

If you haven't applied to DCF before, you can register with them via their 'Getting to Know You' form to be considered for funding."

Chulmleigh & District Garden Society

Monday 13th October
Living With Mammals

With
Stephen Powles
Wildlife
Photographer



7.30pm
**Chulmleigh
Town Hall**

Guests £3.00

New Members Welcome

Info:- dianaM@farmline.com



Lapford Weather Review

Lapford Weather August 2025

Warmer and drier than average.

The hottest day was the 12th with a maximum of 30.8°C and the coolest was the 29th with a maximum of 18.1°C. The coolest night was on the 22nd with a minimum of 7.2°C. On the 2nd the grass temperature fell to just 1.1°C.

Total rainfall was 30.7 mm most of which fell in the last week of the month. The wettest day was the 28th with 16.9mm of rain.

The windiest day was the 4th with a gust of 38 mph.

This summer was warmer than average but not the hottest on record as 2018 was warmer here. 1989 was the same as this year. Total rainfall was 185.6mm, only a little drier than average, although most of this fell in a few days in July. The rest of the summer was rather lacking in useful rain.

Andy Epstein

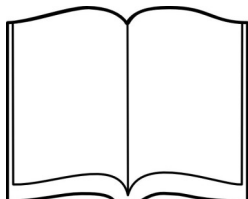


**“Knowledge isn’t free.
You have to pay
attention.”**



SEEKING INPUT TO A BOOK

I’m writing a book for a UK publisher, and I’m looking for people interested in contributing. I am writing about themes like belonging, community, interdependence, and more —



particularly in our changing, fracturing world. Loneliness is now a global health concern, and communities are being pulled apart in all sorts of ways. We hear the saying “it takes a village to raise a child”, but many people do not now have the support of a ‘village’ or community that they once had. I want to know what our actual village, Lapford, might tell us about these things.

I will draw on history, myth, sociology, the environment, and more — looking at what we can learn from the past, and from the natural world, and so on.

I am using the features of the village as a springboard to explore these things — for instance, the village hall, the church, bus shelters, etc.

I’m keen to speak to people who are happy to share their thoughts, memories, experiences, and knowledge. Perhaps you...

...have seen the village change over many years and have stories to share.

...have knowledge of a particular part of Lapford’s history (e.g. farming, faith, economy)

...have thoughts about what community once meant, or means now.

...have an interesting family story that you don’t mind sharing, which sheds light on the themes I am exploring.

...are hopeful, or not so hopeful, about the future of the village -- or of community more generally -- and would like to share your thoughts.

If any of this resonates, please get in touch. I am keen to include (and credit) quotes and ideas from village residents, though may not name Lapford in the book for privacy reasons.

Email: ejwainwright@gmail.com

Tel: 07841 529773

I’m also happy to come and meet you in person. If there’s lots of interest, I may hold a group conversation in the village.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Lloyd

My patience is basically like a gift card.

Not sure how much is left on it
but we can give it a try.

LAPFORD VICTORY HALL UPDATE

Further improvements have recently been made with the removal of the old unused cupboards in the Small Room. This opens up the room to make it a more useful and usable space particularly for the Youth Club as a relaxing area. The



room is also currently being redecorated and further work will eventually see the unsightly electric meters boxed in. Long term it is planned to replace the old central heating boiler with a combi-boiler to heat the hot water as well as the radiators. A new safer entrance has also been planned opening directly on to Lower Town Place. This will all cost a lot of money, so further fund raising is planned with a Table Top sale, a Quiz in October and possibly a Christmas bingo. Grant applications will continue to be made (so far we have been unsuccessful with these).

We need the village’s support as much as possible to keep this community building running. We think the current prices are very competitive compared with other Halls in the area. The price list is attached, as you can see the prices have been maintained at the same level for a couple of years now, although this will be reviewed before the end of the year. The more the Hall is used the better.

HIRE CHARGES

Main Hall (or Small Room)

£7 per hour (or part hour) , minimum charge is for 2 hours, i.e. £14. For local village organisations there will be a 15% discount on these charges. (Equates to £6 per hour)

Kitchen:

£8 for a catering event, i.e. use of oven, crockery, cutlery etc. For use only of tea/coffee making equipment there will be no charge.

All day bookings (up to 6p.m.): £60 -

After 6p.m. usual hourly rate applies.

Hire of outside space on Lower Town Place:

(only if exclusive use is required)

Children’s event: £10 per session

Adult Event: £20 per session.

(A charge for the use of the Victory Hall at the usual hire rate will also apply to allow use of toilets and other facilities)

Sundry items borrowed from Hall: (for use away from the Hall)

Long tables: £5 each

Short tables: £3 each

Card tables: £2 each

Chairs: 50p each

Water heater: £6

Crockery & cutlery: 10p per item.

£70 deposit (returnable) required for private parties, etc.

A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: 'Duh.'

Conan O'Brien

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.

George Burns

MEDICAL LAUGHS

These are sentences actually typed by Medical secretaries.



1. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
2. Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
3. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
4. She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
6. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
9. Discharge status:- Alive, but without my permission.
10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.
11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
12. She is numb from her toes down.
13. While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
14. The skin was moist and dry.
15. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
16. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
17. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
18. I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.
19. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
20. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
21. Skin: somewhat pale, but present.
22. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
23. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
24. When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.
25. The patient was in his usual state of good health until his aeroplane ran out of fuel and crashed.
26. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
27. She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.
28. Patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Smith, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
29. The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stock broker instead.
30. By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.

"A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE"



Torrige, North,
Mid & West Devon

When people come to us for our help, they are often at crisis point. One problem has multiplied itself into lots of problems and the end result is that people feel totally overwhelmed, exhausted and, very often, fearful. The simple message this month is don't let it get to that stage before you come to us for help.

Everyone is affected to some degree by the cost of living crisis. Everyone has seen their every day bills increase and gloomy predictions about the autumn budget suggest it is going to get worse, not better. We can help people before potential problems escalate. For example, our specially trained energy team can advise on strategies to conserve energy and help keep costs down. If you are concerned about potential debt issues, our debt team can help you structure a manageable budget, prioritise your payments and advise you as to whether you are likely to be able to negotiate reduced bills for some utilities. We can also run a benefits check to see if you are entitled to claim any benefits, even if you are working.

There is a wealth of information available on our local website www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk and you can also check out the National Citizens Advice website:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk. You will find links for more detailed information and on our website, you can view our library of advice columns which we send to local publications monthly, focussing on particular issues and outlining the advice we give.

We are not just here to help people solve their problems, we have the means to help people prevent their problems too. If you are worried about what the winter might hold for you, just take a few minutes to browse our website and see if it provides some food for thought. It will cost you nothing but potentially, it could help you nip a potential problem in the bud.

Increasingly, more and more people are coming to us for help – more than we are able to deal with. We are constantly working to make it easier for people to find their own solutions to problems by providing information and links on our website and sometimes signposting to other more specialised organisations. Our volunteers, however, are crucial to enabling us to help people face to face, on the telephone or via video appointments. If you would be interested in becoming a trained volunteer with us, there is information on our website or you can contact recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk. Our volunteers receive ongoing training and support and will tell you that for them, volunteering provides an opportunity to make new friends, gives them new skills and the satisfaction of being able to help people in our local community.

RIP CHESTNUT TREE

Following on from the article in the June Lapford Lookout we can now report that the tree has been safely felled and donated to the school for the children to use – a really lovely end use for it. Thank you Sam for the transport.



Photo taken June 2021

As Trustees we have worked hard over many years to give the tree as long a life as possible whilst bearing public safety in mind.

The Trustees' minutes of August 2007 record concern about it, and in 2008 that although the tree was stable further problems might result in it having to be felled. (It had already been pollarded for safety

reasons some time before that). More recent professional surveys indicated that the tree was at the end of its life, the failure of it to come into leaf last year confirmed this. It had been suffering from a fungal disease for some time as evidenced by the bark completely peeling away from the trunk meaning that no nutrients could pass from the roots to the branches, therefore no leaves. The trunk had already started to decay as can be seen in the stump remaining in the ground.

The tree surgeon estimated the tree to have been more than 100 years old, so it had seen a lot of Lapford history.



Evacuees arriving in village, 18 June 1940

Eighty five years ago



The tree in sections on the School field

Lapford Church Green Trustees

Now that I'm
over the hill,
I sure seem to have
picked up speed.

LAPFORD OVER 60'S CLUB CREAM TEA

A good time was had by all at the Lapford Over 60's Club annual visit to Homeleigh Garden Centre for a cream tea.



Upcoming Events

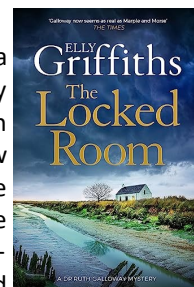
Friday 31st October
Christmas Card Making, The ARK, 3pm

Thursday 27th November
Clark's Village for Christmas shopping
All are welcome. Transport will be in shared cars

LAPFORD BOOK CLUB - BOOK REVIEW - The Locked Room by Elly Griffiths

Our hero – Ruth Galloway is an archaeologist. Three years after her mother's death, Ruth is finally sorting through her things when she finds a curious a decades-old photograph of her own Norfolk cottage— before she lived there—with a peculiar inscription on the back. Ruth returns to the cottage to uncover its meaning as Norfolk's first cases of Covid-19 make headlines leaving her and Kate to shelter in place there. They struggle to stave off isolation by clapping for frontline workers each evening and befriending a kind neighbour, Zoe, from a distance.

Meanwhile, DCI Nelson is investigating a series of deaths of women that may or may not be suicide. When he links a case to an archaeological discovery, he breaks curfew to visit Ruth and enlist her help. But the further Nelson investigates the deaths, the closer he gets to Ruth's isolated cottage— until Ruth, Zoe, and Kate all go missing, and Nelson is left scrambling to find them before it's too late.



Covid dictated so much of what happened in the story. It might feel as though we had largely stood still for two years but it was quite startling to be reminded of how it really was in those first few, frightening months. The virus comes perilously close to home.

It's an excellent read on so many levels and I didn't spot the ending until it was in front of me. All the members of the book club thoroughly enjoyed it.

Jane Epstein

The ARK is open for
Hot Chocolate and Cake
on
Friday 31 October. 6- 9pm.

Come along and enjoy some different ways
to enjoy chocolate.



Imagination
is the only weapon
in the war against reality
-The Cheshire Cat



NEWS FROM 'THE ARK'

With the well-attended celebrations of ten Years of the ARK, on 13th September with 'The Mad Hatter's Tea Party', you will be aware of some significant changes taking place. The wonderful Briony, who has been integral to every aspect of The ARK, and who has overseen its growth and development, has decided to step back from it and 'hang up her apron strings'. There are no words to do Briony's role in The ARK and Lapford Foodbank justice, she has been a phenomenal force for good and has cultivated support in all manner of ways in Lapford's Community. She has been amazing and is amazing and we have been blessed to have her at the helm.

Going forward we will be continuing to run the Café and the Foodbank through the fantastic dedication and hard work of the volunteers who have worked with Briony. There will be few changes in these fundamental functions save for the contact numbers and people overseeing them. To cover Briony's departure a small team of four people from Lapford Community Church have been managing the transition. You will see on the contact pages that Lorraine Kigongo can be contacted regarding The ARK and Café and Sue Yendell can be contacted about the Lapford foodbank. Any queries or requests and information on booking rooms can also be accessed via theark@lapfordcc.org.uk.

Going forward it is envisaged that we will continue to serve our local community in the best way we can. This may include a variety of new or extended activities such as therapies to support wellbeing; Memory Café, homework clubs, prayer sessions alongside all the other community groups, church meetings and clubs that currently use the building. We will continue to work with the lovely group of volunteers, and if you want to volunteer and be part of the activities in The ARK, please get in touch. Sadly, we cannot clone Briony, and her constant presence will be hugely missed. She has small feet but enormous shoes to fill! Bear with us all in the transition, but please be reassured that this is simply a new chapter, where we hope to continue to provide a warm welcome and support to those who need it. Thank you Briony, for all your hours of dedication and love, enjoy your retirement with love from us all. Also, a huge thank you to all the volunteers, and to all those who have supported The ARK and Foodbank over the past ten years.

God Bless you all, now and always.

Lapford Community Church



THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday 13 September. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the music from the Hatherleigh Silver Band and the Copplestone Choir. Sadly the weather turned a little damp and everyone sought a dry space in the Village Hall for tea and more music from the band and choir.

The hats were very creative and there were three well deserving winners.

A big thank you goes to everyone who has supported The ARK over those ten years and I am looking forward to seeing how it develops in the future.

Briony Clinch

WHAT A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON WE HAD CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF THE ARK!



The Lapford Bell Ringers and Hatherleigh Silver Band played beautifully, and the Copplestone Community Choir gave a fantastic performance. Guests arrived in style, wearing their carefully thought-out and creatively decorated hats!

A delicious spread of food was provided by our amazing team of The ARK volunteers – thank you for all your hard work. Despite the weather, it was heart warming to see so many come out to support this special milestone.

We took a moment to thank Briony for her incredible vision and everything she has done to make The ARK and Lapford Foodbank what it is today. We're also deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way over the past decade. Together, we've achieved so much.

Here's to the next ten years!

Lorraine Kigongo
Lapford Community Church

Lapford Pensioners' Lunch

Fancy Getting Together To Enjoy a Christmas Lunch & Entertainment With Friends

Friday 12th December - 12pm Arrival for 12.30pm Meal

At The Victory Hall

£7.50 per person

Booking is Essential

Over 65's from Lapford or Nymet Rowland only

Transport can be provided courtesy of the Victory Hall Committee

Limited to 60 covers on a first come first served basis

Booking form below

Please detach the booking form and return by:-
30th November to :
John Burrows

BOOKING FORM

First Name: Surname:

.....

Amount payable: £..... Date Paid:

Payment is required at time of booking please and this form must be returned with your payment

Please enter any special dietary requirements

.....

Meal choice :- Turkey ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Travel information:

Please tick if you require transport

Please tick if you are using your own transport ☐
 ☐

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AFTERNOON/CREAM TEA
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Parties & Functions

Chit-chat Tuesdays
Free refill for all coffees and tea
Waggy Wednesdays
First coffee for 99p when you
bring your dog

Thursdays Elevensies
Coffee or tea & biccies £2.50

Dog Friendly Bonfire
5 November - FREE to Attend
We're planning our
Dog Friendly Bonfire Night,
weather permitting. See
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Ashridge Great Barn

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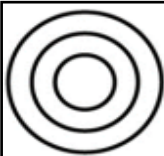
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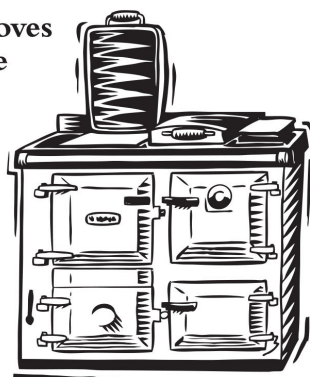
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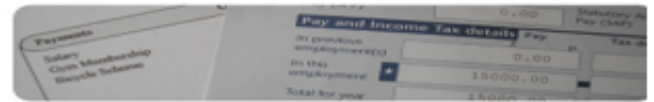
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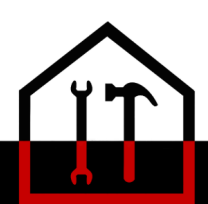


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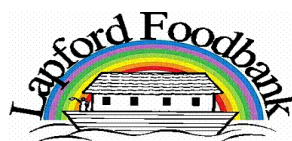


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LAST POSTING TIMES AROUND THE VILLAGE



	<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.
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LAPFORD VILLAGE SHOW 2025

It may have been a difficult summer, but the Show attracted a record number of entries; from Sloe Gins and photographs to animal vegetables and remade shirts, via roses, dahlias tomatoes and beans.

It was lovely to have so many people come to view the entries. They also enjoyed tea with a variety of cakes kindly provided and served by the Garden Club. Even better the money raised from the sale of teas covered the expenses for the day.

The Club potato was won by Heidi Becker. From one seed potato in a 10 litre pot she managed to grow 2lb 1oz of potatoes. Heidi also won the highest number of points in the vegetable section. Whilst Sandra Munday had the most points in the flower section, James Mumford took the fruit section with his selection of apples.

Among other entries, Jane Epstein cracked the fruit gin with her sloe gin which the judges said was delicious. Pat West produced the best Victoria Sponge and Sandra Munday's hand tied posy was mentioned as exceptional, as was Sue Digby's jacket made from old shirts.



The overall points winner was Sandra Munday, closely followed by Heidi Becker and Trisha Mumford.

The Garden Club already has some new ideas for next year's Show which is planned for Saturday 5th September 2026. The Schedule will be published in The Lapford Lookout in the New Year and hopefully more people will be encouraged to put in an entry to make a bumper Show.



The Garden Club meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month. During the winter months it meets in The ARK at 7.30pm, whilst the summer meetings are in members' gardens. New members and visitors are always welcome. The next meetings is

Tuesday 14th October

Speaker: David Bragg

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10TH OCTOBER
2024**



**10.45am
- 2.30pm**



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Walk and
Refreshments**

THE EVENT

Introduction, followed by a talk about farming at Hole Farm, including Countryside Stewardship
- RICHARD SAMPSON

Woodland creation and sustainability with the Forestry Commission
- JO GARLICK

The work of The Farming Community Network
- RICHARD SAMPSON

Information about SFI schemes from the Business Information Point
- DAVID PETT

Crime prevention and safety strategies
- RURAL CRIME TEAM

Trading Standards: Friends not foes!
- NICKY RATTENBURY, SAM YOUNGER



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- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Committee members and volunteers as always!!

We currently have the following proposals so far:

- Chair: Stacey Lumsdon
- Vice-chair: Rachel Phillips
- Secretary: Vacancy
- Treasurer: Steven Fletcher

However we are still looking for further proposals for all positions. If you are interested then please come along to the next meeting where seats will be filled.

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**THURSDAY 9TH
OCTOBER 2025
7.30PM
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