

The Village Pump

Nymet Rowland

October 2023

What's on...

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit, 10th October 12.20 – 12.40 by the car park.

See page three for latest news on the proposed closing down of the Devon Mobile Library Service.

W.I.

For our next meeting on 11th October, we will be having a talk on - 'My Life on the Fairground' – Kay Townsend - 7:30 in Coldridge Village Hall.

8th November: Soap Making Demo - Tracy Johnson

13th December: Christmas Celebration

W.I. contact Liz Smith, 83515

DEVON'S ANCIENT BENCH ENDS

Dr. Todd Gray will present an evening talk in the Victory Hall at Lapford on Friday 3rd November 2023 to raise funds for Lapford Village Archive.

Tickets £5.00 available from The Orchard Centre on Tuesdays between 10:00am and 12:30pm, The Ark on Tuesdays and Fridays or email archive@lapford2022@gmail.com

LAPFORD OUTREACH POST OFFICE

Lapford Outreach Post Office will now only come on two mornings a week, from 4th September.

Monday 9.30 - 12.00

Friday 9.30 - 12.00

N. B. Collection from Nymet postbox is at 9:00 am (Monday to Friday and 7:00am on Saturdays).

A WARNING FROM ACTION FRAUD

Action Fraud have reported that they have received reports about fake emails impersonating various energy companies with offers of either free or cheap electricity, however, it is a SCAM.

The email asks you to click on a link which will take you to a realistic looking website under the control of the criminals, where they will steal your personal and financial data.

Always be wary of emails from organisations contacting with links and if unsure always use a trusted number to contact the company.

You can report suspicious emails by forwarding to report@phishing.gov.uk

See inside for latest information on the proposed roll out of Ultra Fast Broadband for those connected to the Lapford exchange.

I have some organic marrow bones in the freezer, waiting for a good doggie-home.

If you would like them, please email:

lesley2031@protonmail.com

A REMINDER!

The 'Pump Year' is from July to June. If you would like to continue receiving a copy, please put £3 in an envelope with your name and address, and post through the letterbox of 4, Pitt Court.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST REMINDER!

**You're one step closer to full fibre.
With your support, Openreach can bring
ultrafast speeds to you and all those
around you.**

Find out how ▼



A chance of ultrafast full fibre broadband for people living in the Lapford exchange area – including Lapford, Coldridge & Nymet Rowland

Openreach is urging residents in the Lapford exchange area to get behind a bid to bring ultrafast, ultra-reliable full fibre broadband to local homes and businesses.

If enough people pledge to sign up, residents will join more than 245,000 homes and businesses across Devon who already have access to full fibre broadband on the Openreach network. Full fibre technology provides more reliable, resilient, and future-proof internet connectivity, meaning faster speeds and fewer faults. Having ultrafast, full fibre broadband installed can add value to properties, which is more appealing for prospective buyers; both Rightmove and Zoopla allow house hunters to check online for broadband speeds at properties on the market.

Residents can check if they qualify and pledge their voucher on the community website -

[https://www.openreach.com/
connectmycommunity](https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity)

Funding through the Governments Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and the deployment of new broadband signal boosting technology – which can extend the reach of the full fibre network, means thousands more remote rural communities are now within reach of the ultrafast technology.

Openreach identified the Lapford exchange area as being a strong contender for Full Fibre and is urging local people to take the next

step by applying for and pooling together free Government Gigabit Vouchers to help fund the build. The project needs 240 homes and businesses to sign up.

Using the vouchers – which don't cost residents anything, enables Openreach to work with local communities to build a customised, co-funded network. The vouchers can be combined to extend the ultrafast, ultra-reliable network to premises in outlying rural areas which won't be covered by private investment. More details can be found on the Gigabit Voucher website -

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Once the target for the scheme is reached, residents need to ensure they then validate their vouchers with the Government so that Openreach can confirm that building work can get underway. Residents are asked to commit to ordering a full fibre service from a provider of their choice for at least 12 months once the new network is available and confirm they are connected. Openreach has an open access network, so customers can choose from a variety of broadband providers, including Sky, Talk Talk, EE, Vodafone, BT and others. The full list of broadband providers offering fibre can be found on the Openreach website - <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/http-providers>

A team from Openreach will be visiting the area over the coming weeks and meeting with residents and handing out leaflets, to explain more about the scheme and the benefits.

Michelle Maidment

Regional Engagement Manager, Openreach

MORE ABOUT ULTRA FAST FULL FIBRE

A small group of villagers met with our regional engagement manager, Michelle Maidment during September.

Some key points:

- The vouchers are paid for by the government, There will be no cost to you apart from your internal connection.
- When you register (see opposite) you will get an email from funding.platform@notifications.service.gov.uk to confirm your application. If you've not seen this email, check your junk folder. If this fails, you can reapply, again see opposite. Without this confirmation, your voucher won't be valid.
- This will be full fibre to your house.
- Greater reliability than the aged copper connections.
- Ready for digital phones – VOIP coming in the next year or so.
- Your chosen broadband provider will make the connection to bring the service into your house for which there may be a charge – check what providers have to offer.
- Only properties who pledge to the voucher scheme will get the new service.
- Those who don't apply for this scheme will continue with their existing copper wire connection.
- Should you not join the scheme now and want full fibre in the future, you would have to pay for this to be brought to your house.
- It is understood that having fibre to your house can uplift its sale value by between 5% and 10%.
- It's good for the community as a whole, by helping to reach the critical number of installations.

It is expected that Openreach will give a presentation in the coming weeks in the Village Hall, to which all will be welcome. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more and have your questions answered.

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STOP PRESS – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE: A REPRIEVE



Devon's mobile library services have been given a reprieve.

The cabinet of Devon County Council voted to axe the service in July but they have been told to think again before taking the books-on-wheels service off the road for good.

Stephen Fry, Michael Rosen, and Michael Morpurgo are among the high-profile writers who backed a campaign to save the service with nearly 9,000 people signing a petition.

Now members of a Devon County Council scrutiny committee have voted to send the decision back for a re-think.

The council's cabinet previously said it would not be cost-effective to replace its four ageing mobile library vans, after hearing the vehicles were nearing the end of their serviceable lives and would cost up to £800,000 to replace.

But the decision was called in for a second debate amid a public campaign to save the mobile service, as reported by the Local Democracy Reporting Service.

After a series of votes on amendments, members eventually agreed to send the matter back to the cabinet, asking it to reconsider its decision to axe the libraries.

Cabinet members will be asked to get precise figures on leasing rather than buying new vehicles, and reducing costs through crowdfunding or sponsorship.

They will also be asked to make sure alternative provision of library services is in place before any services are taken away.

BBC News Website, 28 September 2023

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 2nd October
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Garden Waste

Monday 9th October
Blue Food Caddy
Recycling
Black Wheelie Bin: Non - Recyclable Waste

Monday 16th October
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Garden Waste

Monday 23rd October
Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 30th October
To be confirmed by Mid Devon District Council.
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Garden Waste
Black Wheelie Bin: Non - Recyclable Waste

THE PUMP

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUMP, ESPECIALLY
OF LOCAL INTEREST, ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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We will also accept "trade" advertising; please call
Roland Smith on 884446 or 83515 to discuss rates.

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over from the production of the Pump goes to the
Village Hall fund.

The Pump subscription year is from July to June.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, NYMET ROWLAND

Services in October

Holy Communion
9:00am, Sunday 15th October

Harvest Thanksgiving

The church looked wonderful for the Harvest
Celebration - everything has grown so well
this year.

Thank you to the ladies who decorated
with flowers and brought garden produce;
to Richard Daw and David Gruncell, who
provided bales and sheaves of straw.

Thank you too to Peter Heal and his family
for the delicious barbecue at the supper and
to all who made cakes and ran the stalls,
not forgetting Alex Pike who beavered away
behind the scenes.

Thanks to Mary and Paul, Mary and David
for all their help.

A gathering of 36 enjoyed Robert Gordon's
journey through harvest and farming
celebrations in centuries past - the singing
of harvest hymns was most commendable.
Robert then joined with John Richards to
provide us with live music and song at the
village hall.

Thank you to all who came. This has been
the first fundraiser for the Church over three
years - much needed for some urgent repairs.

The barbecue, cakes and teas took a total of
£229.04 and further £100 came in generous
donations.

Victoria

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

Sundays:

10:45am service only. No evening service.