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Brue Boys Support SPSA

Our concert on 23rd March in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall in support of the **Somerset Prostate Support Association (SPSA)** was a resounding sell-out success. The concert was sponsored by *Burns the Bread* and *Glastonbury Ales* with assistance from *Glastonbury and Street Lions*.



The Boys presented a rich variety of music from show songs to sea shanties and our in-house soloists gave us everything from Irving Berlin through bagpipes to folk music from our resident folk band.

At half-time the volunteer kitchen produced about 160 baked potatoes and the audience washed down with a glass or two of Glastonbury Ale which obviously helped when they were given the opportunity to sing along in the folk section.

The evening was complemented by a raffle and in all **we raised over £2500 for the good cause.**

SPSA was originally set up to support men undergoing cancer treatment. In recent years it has come to specialise in running PSA (a blood component which can indicate the presence of cancer) testing events. In the recent past SPSA has undertaken ten events with at least five scheduled for 2024. Experience has shown that ten percent of the men tested probably need lifesaving treatment.

The typical cost for an event testing 200 men is now £6,000 so the Brue Boys and their sponsors were extremely happy to make their contribution.

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Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
5th May Easter 6	Holy Communion Keinton	10:00 am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse & APCM 10:45 am 4 Church Walk	—
9th May Ascension	Thursday, 7:00pm Ascension Service Barton St David		
11th May Saturday	2:00pm Wedding Barton St David		
12th May Easter 7		Benefice Holy Communion Keinton	
19th May Pentecost		Benefice Holy Communion Kingweston	
26th May Trinity		Holy Communion Barton St David Rev. Philip Harbridge	4:00 pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton

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'Save the Date'

Holiday Club this year will take place
from 20th – 22nd August 10:00am – 12:00pm

At the Methodist Chapel Community Hall

For all primary aged children (including those
about to start). Further details to follow, but for now
Save the Date.

Benefice Churches

Churches opening for private prayer

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville and Kingweston are now all
open daily. Lydford church is normally open at weekends *except, due to local
conditions, it is not open between mid June and mid September.*

Church Car Parks

In Keinton, Kingweston and Lydford it is now possible to give when you visit
using the QR codes found on noticeboards or at the door.

*If you use the churchyards or car park please do consider making occasional or
regular donations towards their maintenance and their ongoing place in the lives of
our communities.*

Transport to Church

An understanding has been reached with **Wheathill Priory Community Transport**
for those people who need lifts to Church Services. WPCT will try to assist on
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Do you have questions for clergy ?

Do you wonder about things –
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Jane will be in Newlands Farm Shop Cafe,
Keinton Mandeville

on Wednesday, 15th May
at 2:30pm

Come and join her there for tea/coffee and a chat



Dear all

I'm writing this the day after Parliament has voted to ban the sale of vapes to children and cigarettes to those aged 15 and under, with the hope that this will limit and restrict people from taking up smoking in the future.

I know that such a ban will, no doubt spark comment and debate, about personal freedom of choice and the presence (or otherwise) of a nanny state dictating what we can or cannot do.

I was struck reading the account of a Conservative MP in the East of England who was defending their decision to vote in favour of the bill. The reason they did was because prior to the vote they asked pupils at secondary schools across the constituency to let them know what they thought about the prospective ban, and so help them to decide how to vote.

The majority of young people consulted felt that there should be a ban for several reasons including:

- Environmental damage from Vapes
- Public health cost of smoking
- The lack of knowledge about the long term effect of vaping

They also had concerns about how people might illegally obtain vapes and cigarettes post a ban and the implications for shopkeepers when they refused to sell to those who are in the banned age group.

You will have your own views on this, and any number of other topics around. Some may feel that a faith approach also removes choice in the way that this ban will. I'm not sure about that. In John's Gospel we're told that *'If the Son makes you free you will be free indeed'* and a phrase widely attributed to St Augustine, included in one of the prayers has the line *'whose service is perfect freedom'*.

It may not seem like freedom to follow Jesus, but knowing his presence by the Holy Spirit, living alongside others who follow, wanting to live in obedience and being forgiven when we fail is freedom.

So sometimes limiting our freedom, out of love, compassion, concern or awareness of a big picture may actually give us more freedom.

So here's to living in the freedom that God offers us.

Jane

From the Registers

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Shirley Rose RICHARDS who passed away at West Abbey Care Centre on the 28th February 2024 aged 90. Her cremation was held at Yeovil Crematorium on the 3rd April.

Debbie SHERWOOD of Chard was cremated in Taunton on 10th April 2024 and her ashes were interred in Keinton Mandeville on 20th April 2024

We welcome into the Lord's family:

Ludo Terence David BLISS who was baptised on Sunday, 7th April 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

Jennifer Helen RUMSEY who was baptised on Sunday, 14th April 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

Tzakaria Nikolas Lord RUMSEY who was baptised on Sunday, 14th April 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

Xander Laios RUMSEY who was baptised on Sunday, 14th April 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

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Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – May 2024

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you.

Meanwhile, if anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 28 th Apr – Sunday 5 th May	Helen & Tony Gosney	224192
Sunday 5 th May – Sunday 12 th	Ean & Freddy Jackson	224475
Sunday 12 th May – Sunday 19 th	Larry Henessy	224132
Sunday 19 th May – Sunday 26 th	Jo & Chris Tripp	223684
Sunday 26 th Ma – Sunday 2 nd June	Neil Bain	223314



Glastonbury Food Bank

For the eighth year Keinton Parish Church has collected donations for the Glastonbury Food Bank during January, February and March 2024. It might be of interest to know that we received 428 donations with tinned baked beans being the most popular. *The financial donations amounted to £320.00. Thank You To Everyone Who Donated*

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Keinton Mandeville Meet Up (includes surrounding villages)



We guarantee a warm welcome for **Carers, the Cared for** and anyone who would benefit from getting together for fun, company, information on hot topics – Fraud, Fire Prevention etc. and availability of local support.

We welcome attendees suggesting ideas for future speakers/topics. Everything is free including refreshments.

Where - Keinton Mandeville Village Hall TA11 6ES.

When - First Wednesday of the Month. **Time** - 11:0am to 12:30pm.

For further information contact – jane.carers@outlook.com

Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group

If you would like to come along for a drink and a chat or have a coffee/tea while playing table top games like **Scrabble, Boggle, Rummikub, Logo, cards, chess** etc. then why not come along to the group which meets in KM Village Hall.

We chat, drink tea and coffee and play table top games if we want to!

If you would like to come along just for a coffee and a chat without playing any games then you will be made just as welcome. There is no charge as the sessions are funded by Keinton Mandeville Parish Council.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville.

Dates for the next three months

Wednesdays, May 15th, June 12th and July 10th all between 10:00am and 12 noon. There is no need to book... just come along if you can.

We look forward to seeing you and the kettle will be on!

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Date for your Diary – Sunday, 5th May
The Wheathill Benefice 4 - Church Walk



The popular 4-Church Walk is back, starting from **St Peter's Church, Lydford** at **10:45 on Sunday, 5th May** and to which EVERYONE is warmly welcomed to join in. If you would like to walk the complete circuit taking in the 4 Churches, or a section of the walk to call in at any of the churches during the day, or just attend **a short walkers' service in Lydford at 10:00am** before the start, it will be lovely to see you. We suggest you bring a picnic lunch to eat in **St Mary Magdalene, Keinton Mandeville**.

Setting off from **Lydford Church at 10:45am**, the route heads west through orchards and across farmland to **Barton St David**. From there, it continues west up a farm track and across the fields to the **Church of All Saints, Kingweston**. Walking south through Kingweston village, the route crosses the B3153 at the Lower Farm Grain Store and then picks up a green lane and well-marked footpaths to **St Mary Magdalene, Keinton Mandeville** where a stop for a picnic lunch could be taken. The last section follows an ancient track crossing over the B3153 once more, before a final downhill walk back to **Lydford**.

ANYONE wishing to join friends and members of the four parishes on any length of the walk will be warmly welcomed and we hope particularly that many families will join in. It will be a fun day, full of fellowship and fresh air. For those who complete the circle, the distance is about 8 miles [12km] of easy to moderate going although, *if it is or has been wet*, the ground could be very muddy in places.

Route cards will be available on the day and the route will be indicated by arrows at important junctions. There will be people walking who know the way across the fields and along the footpaths. Dogs on leads will be welcome with the usual request to observe dog-walking etiquette, the countryside code and to respect non-dog lovers! *Please note not all styles or gates are dog friendly.*

Limited cloakroom facilities will be available in all the churches. Donations welcome to Benefice funds.

Further information will be available from any of the churchwardens of the four Benefice churches or on the website <https://wheathill.org/> and we look forward to seeing you on the **5th May**.

Women's Institute

Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

Our WI serves Keinton Mandeville and many other local villages. We meet in Barton St. David Village Hall at 7:15 pm on the third Thursday of each month. We also meet regularly for a variety of informal events in between.

We have a wide and varied programme of speakers and activities, which are both fun and informative. Some members play Pickleball each week to keep fit and/or to be sociable. We are a friendly and supportive group and look forward to welcoming any new members to our relaxed and enjoyable meetings. We have members of all ages.

For more information or if you would like to join us please email:

secretarykmwi@gmail.com

The Henry Livius Trust

The Livius Trust Aims to provide items, services or facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England.

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The next Parish Council Meetings are on Tuesday 7th May and 4th June 2024 at 7:30pm in the village hall. Public session will take place at 7:30pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Parish Meeting – 10th May 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall
The main agenda for this meeting will be for the community to review the traffic report that was commissioned by the parish council and the recommendations that have been made. There will also be an opportunity to see reports from community groups.

Traffic Report – The finalised version of the report is now available on the parish council website: <https://keintonmandevillepc.org.uk/Contents/Contentitems/46waqrc7czhf9xmeh33r3r01xr>

Welcome New Councillor and Vacancies
The parish council welcomes a newly co-opted member, Deborah Van Bergen, to support their service to the community. There are two vacancies remaining and if anyone is interested please can they contact the clerk or the chair.

Village Calendar of Events
Public sessions at the recent parish council meetings have called for a Village Calendar to be co-ordinated so that events are less likely to clash. *Therefore a volunteer is being sought to be able to perform this task.* Please let the parish council know if you are interested.
Kaye Elston

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)
Keinton Community Copse
Our "Adopt a Tree" scheme should be available later in the Spring; we are in the process of producing a map and catalogue. We hope this will get you involved in looking after your own little part of the copse or just letting us know if you see a problem.

Rewilding/wildflower planting – it's not too late
As we reported last month, we have planted some verges or borders around the village with pollinator-friendly wildflower mixes. We will be extending this scheme into other areas before the planting "window" closes as (maybe if?) the weather gets drier and warmer. If you have an area, no matter how small, you'd like to dedicate to wildflowers do get in touch using the contact details below.

Save the date - 15th June
On 15th June, KEG will be holding their *Annual Environment Day in the Village Hall*. There will be a number of local speakers some of whom will also be running stalls throughout the day to give you a chance to ask questions and learn about some of the great conservation work being done in our area.

There will be food, fun things for kids and a chance to calculate and work out how you might reduce your personal carbon footprint. We will also launch our "Adopt a Tree" scheme to help the continued maintenance of the Community Copse at this event.

Hedgehogs – and more
Please keep the sightings of hedgehogs - and any other wildlife - coming in. Do contact us (or come to a meeting) if you would like advice on feeding and providing shelter for wildlife. Some of our members are skilful at constructing hedgehog, bat and bird boxes and would be delighted to pass their expertise on to you and your family.

Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people involved in what we do.

KEG's next meeting
This will be on Wednesday, 8th May at 7:00 pm in the Quarry Inn.
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Open Gardens 2024



Open Gardens 2024



Online Correction : Date is 23/06/2024

The Open Gardens event is being held in Keinton Mandeville on **Sunday, 19th June**. Ten gardens minimum should be open to the public but we do need a few more *so please do telephone me, Neill Thomas on 01458 223613 if you would like to open your garden*. With Spring reluctantly beginning to stir, providing expectations of the beauty of the summer to come (Magnolia trees are giving us glorious displays of flowers), your gardens must be emerging from their winter slumbers crying out to be nurtured by you keen gardeners.

For visitors, open times will be from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The gardens vary in size and represent a wide range of design styles, planting plans and colour combinations so whatever your tastes you should find something of interest and, of course, it is always a pleasure to look round someone else's garden.

Most important though, we are confident that you will enjoy the afternoon and at the end of the day take away with you a few ideas that you may at some time in the future wish to incorporate into your own garden. In addition, cream teas will be served in one of the gardens and a selection of plants will be on sale at some others. And there could be some further attractions To keep all the family happy!

Entry tickets will be on sale at ALL the open gardens, prices as follows:

Adults £5.00; Children 12 to 16 years £1.00; Children under 12 Free

Buy your tickets at the first garden you visit. *Once bought the ticket will gain you entry to all the other gardens so please hold on to it and keep your group together.*

All gardens will have a numbered sign outside and your ticket will give you information on the other open gardens and a map of where they are situated. *There will be no dedicated car park – street parking only.*

We cannot guarantee the weather but we are willing it to be good. Whatever it is, please do come along for what will be a most enjoyable afternoon - rain or shine. *All proceeds will go towards church upkeep.*

Church Service

And, for those of you who wish, there will be a short service with a garden theme in Keinton Mandeville church commencing at 6:00pm.



Benefice Choir

Sunday, 19th May – 2:30pm



On 19th May we return to the *Chapel of the Bishop's Palace, Wells* for our Annual Choir Picnic and to sing in the wonderful surroundings and acoustics of the Chapel at 2:30pm. The choir will be giving an hour's performance of sacred and popular music. Please come along to support us.

In addition to our monthly Benefice services, the choir is preparing to sing at three weddings over the summer, two of which are outside the Benefice, and is enjoying learning some new repertoire –

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Keinton Knit & Natter

Knit and Natter has been going now for almost 15 years.

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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

The Services for January are on page 2 of the magazine.

APCM – Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 5th May at 11:00 in St Peter's Church (follows the 10:00am Service)

This is open to all so do come and hear how we are managing your church.

We are always looking for extra help, so a question for all who live in The Lydfords

Is the Church something that you want to remain part of village life for years to come – or – would you like it to go into disrepair due to lack of support and likewise the surrounding area? Churchyard and footpath become overgrown and not a pleasant area to walk through?

Maybe this will come as a stark reminder to one and all that it is a very small band of people who help – **Not** all regular members of the congregation.

One answer – *would you be prepared to offer your support by joining the Parochial Church Council? There are approximately six meetings a year to work out the Services and money raising events. Or would you be willing to give your name to the Churchwardens for any other help?*

Please get in contact – you will be most welcome and are needed.

The 4 Church Walk

To help raise funds for the benefice and for a good walk, we are again holding the **4 Church Walk on Sunday, 5th May** starting from Lydford, and then walking to the other churches in the benefice, returning to Lydford. Start time is 10:45am after the 10:00 am outdoor service at Lydford. Do come and join in, get sponsorship for the benefice or your favourite charity. (*Full details on page 5 of the magazine*)

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 28th May in the Parish Hall at 10:30am to 12 midday

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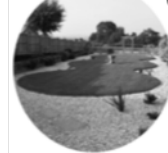
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BARTON ST DAVID CHURCH

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

There will be a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in aid of church funds –

In the Village Hall, on Saturday, 4th May 2024

10:30 am to 11:30 am

In addition to plants and cakes, there will be Bric-a-Brac, Books and a Raffle.

Donations for sale will be gratefully received at Churchbrook House, Church Street which is at the top of the cul-de-sac and Rosedale, Church Street which is opposite the church by Friday, 3rd May.

Barton St David Mothers' Union

Tuesday, 14th May at 2:30 pm

Meet at Churchbrook House, Church Street for tea and chat and to plan activities for the rest of the year.

Tuesday, 11th June at 2:30 pm

Meet at Little Orchard, Church Street to hear about Jackie and Richard Houlden's amazing cruise down the Chilean Coast, around Cape Horn to the Falkland Islands and then to Argentina.

Barton St David Pre-School – The end of an era



Wednesday, 27th March 2024 was the final day for Barton St David Pre-School at the village hall which has provided Early Years provision for almost 50 years.

Our last afternoon finished with tea and cakes and some very special guests. Janet Powell and Nicky Denning, who started a playgroup at the Dove Centre back in the early 70's, were our guests of honour. What a wonderful legacy you created and how very many children have attended playgroup, later Pre-School, over all those years.

We thanked the village hall committee for their continued support. Some former members of staff were able to join us and reminisce about the children and events they can remember including the lights going out and the need to find a "50 pence coin for the meter!" It happened at our final farewell - only now it's £1.

Pre-School became a charity in 1993; from the very beginning it has been run by volunteers. As an independent financial setting, part of our remit has been to help fund raise to provide those important extras to support the children's learning.

Now Barton St David Pre-School has become 'The Nest' Pre-School at Keinton Mandeville School. It will still remain an independent financial setting, but no longer a charity. The voluntary committee therefore will no longer be in place to support Pre-School. The governors at school will take over this role. The committee are at present going through the process of closing the charity.

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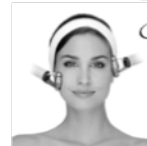
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On the 15th of April a Yeovil resident received a call on their landline from a fraudster **claiming to be a detective constable at Yeovil Police station, he also gave a false collar number.**

He advised the resident that he needed to discuss activity on her bank account regarding a transaction in a supermarket, but to do this a secure line had to be established by staying on the line and calling 999 to verify his ID.

Suspecting a scam, the resident, very wisely, called 999 from their mobile and was advised by the call handler that their suspicions were correct.

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Lydford and District Gardening Club

Notice of the recent demise of **Derek Underwood** provoked a nostalgic look back to the heady days of 1968 when this great, not so slow, slow left arm bowler took 7 for 50 in the second Australian innings of the Oval test match. This ensured that England won the game with only 5 minutes to go before close of play, drawing this 'Ashes' series one-all and providing glorious photographic opportunities with such a close set field that all eleven members of the England team could be in the shot.

Anyone who is not interested in cricket or has not had the chance to experience the game may not have any awareness of the event mentioned above and might well find the terminology confusing. What, indeed, does 7 for 50 mean? What have 'ashes' to do with cricket? Thus it is undoubtedly the case that every job or hobby has its own terminology which can be incomprehensible to outsiders yet is a vocabulary which is treasured by those who are 'in the know' and used to indicate awareness and keenness to fellow enthusiasts and to suggest shades of definition without having to use incredibly long sentences such as this one.

Gardening has a huge list of words which can be used to describe an infinite variety of plants, techniques, problems and possible solutions and it must be true that some of these words will mean nothing or even less to those who have not followed in the footsteps of the great **Percy Thrower** and subsequent renowned horticulturalists. 'Damping off' is to some people what the 'Staffordshire cut' may be to others, just as 'shanking' and 'breaking a stay' mean nothing if golf and campanology are beyond the bounds of experience. Perhaps it could be worth having a think in this first week of May about those words and phrases which might confuse others yet have a cast-iron meaning to oneself? **As May 1st is Staffordshire day**, (*Somerset celebrates its existence on May 11th - look out for yellow and red flags*) an explanation of a 'Staffordshire cut' might be in order but perhaps it is easier to suggest that such information is researched. The 'Dictionary of Cricketing Terminology' by Keith Foley, published by Edwin Mellen Press is to be recommended, ISBN number on request, or it might be a lot easier to go to a search engine of choice!

LDGC Annual Trip

Lydford and District Gardening Club had the annual trip to Brimsmore Garden Centre on Tuesday April 9th. All of the attending members behaved themselves, most were not too fussy about the type of coffee or tea that they were offered and only a very few made disparaging comments, albeit 'sotto voce', about the biscuits on offer. When one is used to home-made confections of the finest kind, shop-bought ginger and digestive struggle to satisfy the little biscuit hole that is inside most of us! An enthusiastic garden elf spoke temptingly about some of the plants which were available and did not use too many long words or Latin names of plants. The staff were also very helpful in dealing with various enquiries despite it being long past their bedtimes. A good time was had by all and as no bridges had been hit during the day, the travel home from Yeovil was straightforward. The joy that is the A37 proved an effective escape route to the north and the rural security of Lydford and its environs was reached without undue mishap.

May is the month when warmth and gentle moisture provide perfect growing conditions. Sometimes. Gardeners will be working all hours getting their plots in perfect condition so that snails, slugs, mice, sparrows and assorted pathogens (*see 'damping off'*) can thrive and enjoy the protection of the RSPCA.

Next Meeting

Amongst all this frantic activity, members should find time to head for **the Parish Hall in West Lydford on Tuesday 14th May**. Sometime around 19.15, Ms. Julie Haylock will begin to give her advice on 'Designing a garden border'. But the meeting will be about much more than just horticultural advice, there will be biscuits, proper home-made creations, coffee, tea, companionship, a raffle, shoulders to cry on if pests are approaching cataclysmic proportions and suggestions as to which garden centres are the cheapest or offer the best quality of plants.

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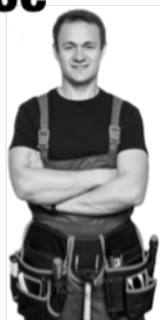
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Update from Defibrillator Working Group

Thanks to some generous funding the Working Group has obtained five new public access defibrillators for the Lydford on Fosse parish with minimal outlay by the Parish Council. A limited-duration Department of Health and Social Care match-funded grant scheme was identified that allowed us to acquire Defibrillators together with their storage cabinets for just £750 each – half the typical price of around £1500 for these 2 items.

The generosity of donors, including the *Walters & Pope Trust, the Parish Hall Committee, Steve Barnes of Lydford Business Park, the Cross Keys Inn and the legacy left to the Parish by Nigel Woolcombe-Adams*, has enabled us to reduce the cost to the Parish Council of acquiring and installing our 5 defibrillators and cabinets to under £1,000 - and we hope to bring this down still further.

The installation sites below have been chosen to maximise coverage of our community's main residential areas by providing a publicly accessible defibrillator within a 400m of most houses – the maximum distance recommended by South West Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST).

- **Lydford Parish Hall; Fairplace;**
- **Church Lane, East Lydford;**
- **Lydford Business Park and Cross Keys Inn**

These are in addition to the defibrillator already in place at Lydford Sports Club.

At the time of writing, one defibrillator has been installed at the Parish Hall, one at Lydford Business Park and one at Fairplace. The remaining defibrillators should hopefully be in place within the next few weeks.



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Community First Aider Network

Following the success of the *'Re-start a Heart'* training event in January, the Working Group is looking to establish a Community First Aider Network.

The purpose of the network is to improve the outcomes of medical emergencies by having trained first aiders on hand to provide timely help whilst awaiting the arrival of the emergency services. As we all know, ambulance response times can be slow and currently our nearest Community First Responder is in Somerton.

Are you willing to help your community by offering a few hours each week when you are available to respond to any emergencies? Training will be provided over 5 days here in the Lydfords, followed by regular short, monthly top-up sessions. The network will have a first aid kit and mobile phone for use by the volunteer on duty. We need you!

For more information please e-mail: steph.taylor@othoni.myzen.co.uk

Barton St David History Club

The meeting on 11th April was about Bernard Sellick and David Daggar and *"Somerset Wanderings with a Camera"*.

Next Meeting will be in Barton Village Hall

Thursday 23rd May at 7:30pm

Martyn Sandell *"The Marine Aspects of Hinckley Point"*.

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Also, all Lydford residents will receive NHW window stickers for their properties. These two initiatives are aimed at heightening awareness that a NHW scheme operates in the area.

Thanks to the Lydford on Fosse Parish Council for funding these items.

- A new policing app has been launched to allow the public to report crimes and incidents and find out information about local policing teams and access prevention advice and support for victims and witnesses of crime.

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Easter Coffee Morning

We hope you all enjoyed a happy Easter season – in spite of the weather...! Our coffee morning on Sat March 30th proved to be a great success, especially painting pots for a Bee Drinking Station.

Many thanks to Katie and Anna for all their help!

Tea@3

Last month we were supported by Angela and Kevin from 'Pop Up Play Village' they brought along a construction site for imaginative play which was very popular – even with the older children... Thank you both, very much!

May 'tea@3'

This will be held on **May 9th** – **May Pole Dancing** will be the feature, with dancing and supporting music to set the scene – this should be super fun for everyone!!

A Series of Talks

As many of you will know, we have been planning a series of talks by people for the village. The first talk was on Friday April 19th, by Douglas Humphrey. 'When more than Quails quailed' a light hearted, true story about a visit by Queen Elizabeth II to Douglas' regiment when anything that could go wrong, went wrong!

Next Talk is on Thursday, 23rd May at 7:00pm

John Cook will be speaking "**A life in Public Law – scandal, secrets and scallywags**". John, a world leading competition EC lawyer in his day, will share his most memorable experiences of Whitehall, the City and Hollywood. Definitely a date for your diaries – **Thursday May 23rd**. Please contact Alison (223656) Celia (224601) or Douglas (223703) for tickets.



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A Challenge offered



There's a fascinating exercise I've often undertaken with roomfuls of church members. I've asked them the question 'To what age do you trace back the beginnings of your Christian faith?' The results are almost always the same. About 40% of us think that our Christian journey started at some point before the age of four. Another 40% of us trace the beginnings of our faith back to when we were less than eleven.

A further 20% say before we were eighteen. While only one in five of us report having embarked on the journey of faith as adults.

The findings I've described should give us all pause for thought. For most people, the start of our Christian journey (even if we've dropped out for a while in adolescence and early adulthood) starts in childhood.

So if we want to grow our churches and transform our communities this suggests that it's into the faith development of children and young people that we should be putting our energies, priority and resources.

Our data suggests that more than half our churches have no young person worshipping with them on a Sunday morning. I realise, of course, how hard it is for churches to compete with the demands of football, seeing the extended family, doing any of the many things that are otherwise crowded out of busy family lives. Yet experience shows that when we offer worship at other times and in formats that are attractive to children, young people and families they do come.

This year I'm challenging all our benefices to grow their average weekly attendance by one child (net). If we could sustain such an achievement over a number of years the impact would transform our churches, our lives and our experience. The support services of our diocese offer extensive assistance to enable local churches to think what could work with the resources you have, the passions and skills you possess and the reality of the situation where you are. Do ask for their help.

Are you willing to take up the challenge I've offered?

Bishop Michael

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

Our **April** event was an outing to the Avalon Marshes Centre to visit the **Avalon Archaeology site**.

We were given a tour and an excellent talk by archaeologist Dr Richard Brunner. He explained that a dedicated group of volunteers had worked one day a week since 2015 to create a series of authentic archaeological reconstructions. Their aim was to provide an insight into how people lived in Somerset from the Iron Age through to Saxon times. Our tour started with a primitive Iron Age "roundhouse" – a basic construction of willow, hazel and water reed. The next building was a complete contrast: the dining room of a Roman villa, complete with working hypocaust heating, colourful frescoes and mosaic floor. Finally we were shown a beautiful timber-framed Saxon "longhall" with hand-crafted furniture, wattle and daub walls, oak shingled roof – and a huge open fire in the centre (which was very welcome on a slightly chilly day!)

Next Event: Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30pm

A Travel Talk: "Trains, Temples and Toilets – Travel to Tokyo & Beyond"

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