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Grill a Vicar – Coffee & Chat



Do you have questions for clergy ?

Do you wonder about things –
faith, baptism, marriage, challenges or something else?



Jane will be in Newlands Farm Shop Cafe,
Keinton Mandeville
on Wednesday, 19th June
at 2:30pm



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

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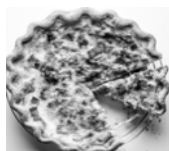


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Wheathill Benefice Worship – June 2024

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
2nd June Trinity 1	Morning Prayer Keinton	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	—
5th June Wednesday	3:00pm House Communion Lydford Parish Hall		
9th June Trinity 2	10:30 am Benefice Holy Communion Barton St David		
16th June Trinity 3	Holy Communion Barton St David	Baptism Keinton	—
23rd June Trinity 4	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	Holy Communion Barton St David	Afternoon Open Gardens KM 4:00pm Faith 'n fun at Walnut Barn. KM
30th June Trinity 5	10:30 am Holy Communion, St Peter's Patronal Festival, Lydford Followed by Barbecue at 12 Noon		

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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 Sunday mornings, so if this applies to you or someone you know – **Please ring 07799 487 719**, preferably 48 hours in advance.
Thank you WPCT!

Keinton Knit & Natter

We meet on Monday afternoons from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm
 in the Methodist Church rooms.

Everyone, including complete beginners, are welcome irrespective of their level of ability. We guarantee lots of interesting discussions, love and support and continuous laughter during the meetings. So, if you would like to come along then contact us on (01458) 223344.

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I'm writing this at Newlands Farm, in Keinton Mandeville waiting to see if anyone is going to come and 'Grill a Vicar'!

Grill a vicar is intended to be an opportunity for anyone to come and talk. You may wonder how to have a child baptised/christened, or get married. Maybe you want to think about faith, or why is there so much suffering? Or how to be buried in one of our churchyards or something else. I won't necessarily know the answers, but we can discuss the situation or challenge and maybe gain some new insights.

It is of course always possible to ring me up or email (*contact details at the top of page 1*), but this is another opportunity. I also try to attend the pop-in coffee morning in Lydford if other commitments allow. If your question is private or personal then we can arrange a time to follow up at a later stage.

I realise that dates so far have been during the working day, hopefully in time I'll add an occasional Saturday morning. Next date is Wednesday, 19th June at 2:30pm. **The tea/coffee is on us, so why not come down!**

There are other opportunities to gather this month with *Keinton's open gardens on 23rd June*, finishing with a mix of Faith and Fun, active worship, and thanksgiving for our beautiful surroundings, in Walnut Barn, Queen St, TA11 6EG (**location for afternoon tea**).

We're planning our holiday club for August which we're looking forward to. It is looking at 3 Bible stories and experiences of some communities around the world, asking the question how can we **Make A Difference** (*hence the name Go Mad*). If you have primary or about to start primary school children why not note the dates (20th, 21st & 22nd August) 10:00am - 12:00pm. All welcome



We look forward to seeing you on any of these occasions.

Best wishes
Jane

Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – June 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 2 nd June – Sunday 9 th	Sue Baker	223519
Sunday 9 th June – Sunday 16 th	Judith Sherwood	223834
Sunday 16 th June – Sunday 23 rd	John Walker	223617
Sunday 23 rd June – Sunday 30 th	Alan Lines	223441

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. The Trustees are open to any proposals to accord with the Trusts aims.

Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417

Deborah Whittingham (01458) 224057 Belinda Simson (01458) 223470

From the Registers

We offer our congratulations to:

Michael HOSKINS and Hannah BONNEY on their wedding which took place on 11th May in Barton St David Church



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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 two months

Wednesdays, 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!

Viv Lane & Claire Harding



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.

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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.

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After the pleasure of singing at the Bishop's Palace, Wells in mid-May, the Benefice choir has the great privilege of singing for a wedding at the start of June, at a little church on the Somerset Dorset border.

The earliest records of the church appear in 1291 with the first Rector recorded in 1317. Traditional and modern music will feature for this special day.

Rehearsals are held on a Thursday evening in Kingweston church from 7:30pm and new voices are always welcome. Just phone Lynne Kirkman on (01458) 224158 if you would like to come and sing.



Benefice Choir



Want to be part of an Outstanding volunteer service? Then Route1 is looking for you!

Route1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors service supports children and young people who are in care or have a social worker. They do this by matching volunteers with young people as either short term Advocates, or longer term Independent Visitors.

The service recently had an independent internal review and was graded as Outstanding; and was shortlisted to the final 3 in the Frontline National Award 2024 'Team of the Year'

Route1 helps children have happy childhood memories, and ensures their views are listened to and acted upon.

- Independent Visitors: These volunteers make a long term commitment to one child in care. They visit the child once or twice each month to build a trusting, supportive relationship and friendship that can sometimes last many years. This can bring life-changing experiences and opportunities to a the child or young person – and their Independent Visitor!
- Advocates: volunteers work alongside individual children to ensure their voices are heard, and their wishes and feelings are taken into account when decisions are being made which affect them. Each child's support is usually short term and there is no expectation of a long term commitment to any particular child.



A recent trainee volunteer said "I started out thinking 'what on earth can require 5 days of training?' I now know why and think you have it just right."

Your life experience will be highly valued and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills. Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability.



For more information about Route 1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors, you can contact us by emailing:

route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk, calling
01749 822801 and our website is:

www.route1advocacy.co.uk



follow us on social media

Lydford Moviola Films

We would just like to let you know that we will not be showing any further Moviola films until **September** in Lydford Parish Hall. It was hoped to schedule one in June but this will not be possible and we have a break in July and August as people are on holiday.

We will be back and our next film will be advertised for late summer early Autumn. Many thanks for your support

Linda Foote and the Parish Hall Committee



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The next Parish Council Meetings are on Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 7:30pm and
Tuesday, 2nd July 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
The meeting took place and the main item on the agenda was to present to the
community the findings of the Traffic Survey and review the recommendations.
If you would like to comment on the survey please ask the clerk for a
questionnaire or collect one from the shop.
<https://keintonmandevillepc.org.uk/Contents/Contentitems/46waqrc7czhf9xmeh33r3r01xr>

Neighbourhood Plan
If anyone would like to be part of the group to continue to support the formation
of the Plan please let the clerk of the parish council know.

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)



The countdown has begun to the **Keinton Environment Day on 15th June from 11:00 am in the Village Hall.** The day will embrace topics such as measuring your own carbon footprint and the threats facing our wildlife from honeybees to eels.

There will be presentations on the role of the CPRE in opposing the large-scale developments that threaten our rural landscapes (particularly relevant to Keinton Mandeville) and contrasting approaches to farming and food provision in our local area.

All our speakers will be available before and after their presentations as they will be manning "stalls" where you can sit and talk through their ideas and ask questions

Award

The day will also include the presentation of Keinton Environment group's **Award for the Best Wildlife Garden**, loads of supervised, educational activities for kids and refreshments – *the highlight being a do-it-yourself pizza lunch!*

Entry is free (although there will be a charge for refreshments and lunch) and there is no need to book.

KEG's next meeting

Because of this event, we will not be holding our routine meeting in June, so our next one will be on **10th July at 7:30pm in the Quarry Inn.** Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people.

Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook
Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk



Open Gardens 2024



Open Gardens 2024



Please note date is 23/06/24

The Open Gardens event is being held in Keinton Mandeville on **Sunday, 23rd June.**

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.*

Garden Theme Service and Faith 'n Fun

And, for those of you who wish, there will be a short service in the Garden at Walnut Barn after the Cream Teas – commencing at 4:00pm.

Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
unuttered or expressed,
the motion of a hidden fire
that trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
the falling of a tear,
the upward glancing of an eye,
when none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
that infant lips can try;
prayer the sublimest strains that reach
the Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice,
returning from their way,
while angels in their songs rejoice
and cry, "Behold, they pray!"

Prayer is the Christians' vital breath,
the Christians' native air;
their watchword at the gates of death;
they enter heaven with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way:
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Lord, teach us how to pray!

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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

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

House Communion

This will take place on Wednesday, 5th June at 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to this short informal Communion Service and then to sit and chat with friends and enjoy the afternoon.

Please contact Ralph on (01963) 240164 should you have a problem with transport.

Patronal Service of Holy Communion and Barbecue

Sunday, 30th June, 10:30 am Service with the Barbecue at 12:00 noon

Please come and join the church community for this village event. Should you prefer not to attend the Service then please come along at 12 noon for the Barbecue.

The Barbecue will be a Church Fundraising Event so donations will be received with grateful thanks. It will help with the catering if we have some idea of the numbers - please contact Ralph (01963) 240164 or Jennie (01963) 240236. Not a problem if you just decide to attend the Barbecue. We look forward to seeing you.

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 25th June in the Parish Hall at 10:30am to 12 midday

Good coffee and homemade biscuits on offer with the usual Book swap. Come and have a chat, catch up on local news, meet new people and catch up with old friends. All welcome!

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Lydford Parish Hall, West Lydford (next to St Peter's Church)

On Wednesday, 3rd July 2024; 7:00 - 7:45pm

Doors open for light refreshments 18:45pm

Please do come along to see the facilities, meet the team, volunteer for any of the roles, share ideas, hear what has been done over the last year and what is planned for the future. For further details please contact: chair@lydfordparishhall.org.uk. For news, bookings and clubs please see www.lydfordparishhall.org.uk and Facebook page for events and news [@lydfordparishhall.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/lydfordparishhall)

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- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

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BARTON ST DAVID CHURCH

We are delighted to report that the **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** held in our **Village Hall on 4th May** in aid of the church raised the impressive sum of **£616.40**.

Heartfelt thanks go to all our helpers, to those who generously donated items and of course to all the people who supported us on the day and spent so generously.

Caring for an old church and keeping it in good condition is a very expensive business so all monies raised will be put to very good use.

Barton St David Mothers' Union

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 Friday Afternoon Table Tennis



Sessions are in the village hall every Friday afternoon from 2:00pm until 4:00pm with a break for provided refreshments during that time.

It is not a club, so no annual fee but a charge of £2 per person per session is required. If you have never played table tennis why not come and give it a go. Bats and balls are provided. Guaranteed exercise, competition and laughter!

Sessions will continue until Friday, 21st June with a possible break on *May 31st (half term week)*. Please check for details nearer the time.

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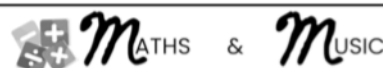
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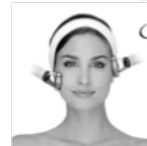
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BARTON ST DAVID Carnival

Saturday 20th July 2024**from 1:00pm to late**

This will feature the usual attractions such as the children's Fancy Dress; Villages Races; Bouncy Castle and Wipeout; a Steam Engine; Magic Show (2:45 pm); the Dog show (from 2:00pm) with numerous categories and various fairground attractions and games. And much else besides...

Pre-Carnival Competition

Participants are invited to decorate on pre-cut plywood a **SHEEP**, and display it in a visible location outside their house a week before the Carnival so it can be judged for a prize on the day. The Sheep should be moved to the Carnival field early on the day in time for the prize-giving at 1.30 pm. If interested email us at bsdcarnivall@yahoo.com

Children's Fancy Dress

in a similar fashion, children are invited to dress as **Shepherds/Shepherdess** to be judged for a prize at 1.15 pm.

Picture Exhibition

Have you drawn, painted or taken an artistic picture over the last year – if so there will be an opportunity to display your work to the public.

Vehicles of Interest

Do you own a special motor – space will be available for you to show it off at the Carnival. Previous exhibits have included rare sports cars, tractors, motorbikes and steam traction engines.

First Aid Cover

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Village Races (4:15 pm) and It's a Knockout (5:30 pm)

Back by popular demand a series of traditional child and adult races will take place as well as infamous team competition comprising of several tricky tasks. To book your team's place for *It's A Knockout*

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Catering

Available all day from 1:00pm onwards – to include such delights as *Benny's Fish & Chips' Burgers, Hotdogs, Veggie and Gluten free options, AND a Hog Roast – kindly donated by Home Farm, Kingweston.* In addition, there will be traditional *Tea and Cake in the Village Hall and Ploughman's available in the Pimms and Cider tent.* And in the evening *De La Cuisine (Asian).*

Bar

Open all day (1:00pm to late) serving a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

Music

Somerton Wind Band (2:00pm), The Rock Choir (3:15 pm), Hayley Ann James (7:00pm) and the headline act – The Enrichments from 8:30pm. Plus an acoustic tent/set.

Raffle

£1 a ticket – top prizes include two Glastonbury Abbey Extravaganza tickets, a cheese hamper, steak dinner for two at the Barton Inn and more

Stalls

To include Bottles, Plants, Books, White Elephant, Local History, Plot Gate, Cakes etc.

Makers Corner

Bees, Pottery, Walking Sticks and others to be confirmed



Lydford and District Gardening Club

In the book *'Cautionary Tales for Children'*, Hilaire Belloc warns of the dangers of straying from one's Nurse in the story of Jim, who did just that and was eaten by a lion. This is a fine example in a long tradition of moral writing whereby the perilous outcomes of certain actions are emphasised in order to help regulate the conduct of specific parts of the population - mainly, though not exclusively, children.

Gardening is not big on such writing but what follows may be food for thought. With the very best of good neighbourly intentions and following in a long line of similarly considerate acts, a member of the Club was disturbed by the unkempt nature of the grass verges of two properties opposite their own.

They were out mowing their own expanse and felt that the least that they could do would be to just nip over the road and cut the other swards in order to make the place look a bit tidier. Obviously, being a bit of a gardener they knew to leave the daffodil leaves as the bulbs need to gain a bit of goodness from these leaves for good flowering next year. It was then the work of a few moments to trim these *'unsightly'* bits of lawn to a more sensible length and the mower was then put back into the shed until the next time it was needed.

However, when in conversation with someone outside the village on the next day a simple, three word phrase entered the discussion and began to make connections which had not been made before. For the first time ever, our lawn-mowing hero heard the words *'no-mow-May'* linked together to provide an inkling as to what might have been going on and how *'the road to hell may indeed be paved with the best of good intentions'*.

So, if you want to help your fellow villagers with a bit of considerate grass cutting, it might be a good idea to just have a brief chat first and make sure that the longish grass is due to idleness or incompetence or the lawnmower being in the workshop of the Somerton Mower Man and not part of some green, eco-friendly, insect-loving attempt at a bit of re-wilding!

May Meeting

On May 14th Julie Haylock came to the Parish Hall to give a few ideas about planning a new border or rejuvenating an old one. She has form, having exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show and BBC Gardeners World Live and her enthusiasm was obvious in the manner in which she spoke. Mention was made of *'colour palettes'* and structural plants although how bindweed can be eradicated did not feature in her talk! Julie provided some good looking plants to be the raffle prizes and a particular pink variety of Geum aroused such interest that fisticuffs almost erupted about who was going to be lucky enough to take the little beauty home. Several members had brought their excess seedlings to share amongst the gathered throng and parsley, geranium, chard and courgette plants were all gleefully re-homed without any money changing hands. Refreshments were, as ever, biscuit based. Three varieties of home-made marvels were on offer, all as gorgeous as each other.

Next Meeting

The June meeting of the home-made biscuit club with a bit of gardening thrown in, is on *Tuesday, 11th at 19.00ish in the Parish Hall* and the speaker is to be Sally Nex. She has spoken before and been very impressive. Her topic will be *'Growing Fruit'*, something which has not been on the menu for a good few years, indeed, if ever!

It was very pleasing to see the Hall so full in May to the extent that extra chairs had to be excavated from the bowels of the stage and it is to be hoped that Sally will have an equally impressive audience. Early thoughts about the variety of biscuits on offer are edging towards some fruit based confections. Red-currant shortbread perhaps?



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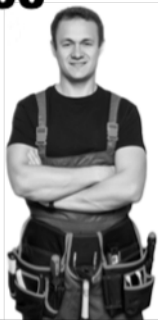
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Lydford Third Tuesday Group

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Tuesday, 18th June – 6:30pm onwards

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Dress code: **Wear Something Flowery.**

Floral dress, scarf or full-on “**Flower Power**” outfit?

Or maybe some **flowers in your hat/hair?** Anything goes!

Small prizes for the “*most elegant outfit*” and for “*most enthusiastic effort*”!



Women Visitors from Lydford and surrounding villages are welcome to ALL our events usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated). For details of this year's programme or more information, please take a look at our website:

<https://thirdduesday.wixsite.com/thirdduesday>

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Saturday, 15th June 2024 – 9:30am to 12:30pm



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Volunteers and casual visitors are cordially invited to join the morning's endeavours. If you have your own digging and gardening equipment and gloves, please feel free to bring them along. If not, don't worry, there will be spares to borrow. And if you'd just like to know a bit more about our unique Forest Gardens, please visit our website at www.lydford-forest-gardens.com or pop your head over the fence on 15th June for a chat.

We hope to see you there !





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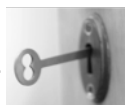
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- Sheds, garages and outbuildings are popular targets for burglars, so increase the security to these whenever possible. Check that the contents of these places are included on our home and contents insurance.
- Register your belongings on the Immobilise property register. If anything, lost or stolen is handed to the police you have a good chance of getting your property returned.
- Restrict access to the rear of your property wherever possible – lock any side gates leading to the rear – as the back or patio doors are the most popular site of forced entry. Think about growing some thorny bushes along the garden fencing.
- Lock away ladders or any tools that could help a burglar and secure any garden furniture or wheelie bins that can be moved to help gain access to an extension or first floor window.
- If you're taking the car with you, ask a neighbour to use your driveway while you are away to make the home look occupied.
- Cut the lawn and keep the garden tidy. Long grass suggests that the house is empty, or the occupant is unable to look after the garden.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm – they are a real deterrent – but get an approved or recommended model, as the cheap ones aren't really that reliable and if the alarm keeps going off your neighbours will soon lose interest and may ignore a real activation.



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Talks

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Following on Thursday, May 23rd, John Cook will be sharing his memories of Whitehall, the City and Hollywood. *"Scandals, secrets and scallywags"* promises to be an entertaining evening...

Owls – On Saturday, June 22nd we are holding an 'interactive owl talk' from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Tickets (£10 for adults, £5 for children) are available from Michelle on 07590578767. Children **must** be accompanied by a paying adult. Refreshments will be available as well as RSPB badges, and a raffle.

Tea@3

We were wonderfully supported on May 9th by Maureen Raybould who demonstrated the art of Maypole dancing, and by Trevor Ryder and his friend Micky for providing such cheerful music! Thank you all very much!

Jackie Gingell wrote –

"May 'tea@3' proved to be a very entertaining afternoon. As well as the excellent tea and cakes, visitors were treated to Maypole dancing. Thank you Maureen for your excellent tuition and calling the moves. The dancers were accompanied by Trevor and Micky who spent the afternoon playing time honoured country dancing tunes and other traditional folk music. The whole afternoon provided an opportunity for both old and young to meet, chat and relax".

We look forward to our next 'tea@3' on Thursday June 6th. Please come along to join in with activities for all ages or just a chat over a cuppa and delicious cake. **Everyone** will be made very welcome!

Eco Friends – Please look out for details of a new venture, *Eco Friends*. Some youngsters in the village are hoping to form a group which will, in the beginning, be doing a litter pick in the village. Various activities will follow. Please keep an eye out if you think your children would be interested in becoming part of this group!

Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

Mondays 10:30 am - 1:00pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.

The Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Project welcomes people who are keen to get outdoors, learn new skills, share their skills or just have the opportunity to spend some time in a peaceful environment. Our main emphasis is on horticulture and rural craft activities which take place in our large vegetable, fruit and flower growing area. Maybe you need an excuse to get out of the house or you just want to dip your toe into being around other people again.

Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day. We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way. With two covered open sided sheltered areas and a large poly- tunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us!

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The Gift of Prayer

It is a great joy and privilege to come and join you here in Bath and Wells as the new Dean of Wells, to serve the Cathedral, the diocese and the county. This is an area with strong links on my maternal side, with my grandparents being married in Bath, and many relatives from around this patch.

One of the many things which drew me to this role is the privilege of prayer in your beautiful Cathedral Church. Each morning we gather and pray for the life of the diocese, and give thanks for that same life in the evening. Please be assured of my prayers for you in your mission and ministry and I warmly look forward to getting out to explore the diocese.

As I reflect on this time of change, I am mindful of the importance of finding patterns of prayer to sustain our lives, and nourish our spiritual growth. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said many years ago, we must *'think of prayer as a relationship.'* We are to invest in it, and to find space so that it can develop, and this takes time. Or as the mystic Evelyn Underhill put it, *'On every level of life, from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgement and efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.'*

We all know the importance of taking time to invest in relationships, and I love the challenge that hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur. As we reflect on our own prayer lives, I wonder if there are ways that we can deepen our relationship in prayer? The Christian tradition is packed with ways to help people learn to pray. Maybe we can find ways to slow ourselves down and be more present to the gift of prayer, so that we may join in the Apostle Paul's prayer, *'we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding'*. (Colossians 1.9)

Archbishop joins us for Diocesan Day of Prayer

On Saturday, 7th September, everyone across our Diocese of Bath and Wells is invited to *join in a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the communities we serve*. Bishop Michael will be hosting a gathering in each of our archdeaconries, alongside Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Churches across the diocese are also invited to hold their own prayer gatherings with a focus on their local communities.

Bishop Michael says,

"As churches we pray in and for our communities each and every day, but for this diocesan day of prayer I am encouraging every church to look afresh at the communities we serve and the multitude of ways we can and do pray for them. As well as being an opportunity to help us seek God's transformation for the communities we are a part of, I hope this will provide us with a chance to deepen our own faith and strengthen our church communities through prayer."

"I am always struck by how many people, even if they are not regular churchgoers, are pleased that they are being prayed for, and so this may be an opportunity to let our communities know that we are praying for our life together and how it might be transformed for good, as well as giving thanks for all that is good already."

As well as the gatherings across Bath and Wells, there will be resources and suggestions for more local prayer gatherings, on that day, and into the future.

'Unless the Lord Builds the House we build in vain.' **Psalm 127:1**

Find out more about the Diocesan Day of Prayer and sign up to receive resources when they are available at bathandwells.org.uk/day-of-prayer

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Saturday, 13th July 2024

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GALA COMPETITIONS **Saturday, 13th July 2024**

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CLASS 2 – Aged 16 and under – A Piece of Artwork
Theme – Somerset Landscapes and/or landmarks

CLASS 3 – Over 16 – Photography (*printed & not digitally enhanced*)
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CLASS 4 – Aged 10 and under – Garden On A Plate

CLASS 5 – 11 to 16 – Four Decorated Fairy Cakes

CLASS 6 – All Ages – Cake
Homemade & inspired by Sports & Games

CLASS 7 – All Ages – Single Stem Specimen Flower
From the Garden or Allotment

CLASS 8 – All Ages – Vase of Mixed Flowers
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