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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, 18th September at 2:30pm

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



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Wheathill Benefice Worship – September 2024

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
1st Sept	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Morning Prayer Baptism Kingweston	—
Saturday 7th Sept	3:00pm Baptism at Lydford on Fosse		
8th Sept Trinity 14	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	—
15th Sept Trinity 15	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	3pm Tea & Talk Lydford 'Ripple Effect'
22nd Sept Trinity 16	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	4:00pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton
Wednesday 25th Sept	3:00pm House Communion in Lydford parish Room		

Harvest Festival Service, St Mary Madelene Church

At the harvest service this year (*in Keinton Mandeville at 11:00am on Sunday, 13th October*) we are collecting for the Glastonbury Foodbank. Please either bring a food donation from the list below or cash. Thank you

Glastonbury Food Bank



Requested Donations of:

Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Tinned/Packet Soup	Biscuits	Rice
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Tinned Puddings	Tinned Fruit	Sponge Puddings	Custard
Squash	Long-life Juice	Tea	Coffee
Marmalade	Peanut Butter	Jam	Marmite
Sugar	Sauces	Tinned Vegetables	

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 condolences to the family and friends of:

Mrs Kathleen (KAY) BUTTEN who passed away at Netley Court Care Home on the 2nd June aged 90. Her Thanksgiving Service took place at St Mary Magdalene Church Keinton Mandeville on the 10th July followed by her cremation at Yeovil Crematorium.

Mr Richard George MUDD who passed away at Wessex House Nursing Home on the 12th July aged 78. His Funeral Service took place at Mendip Crematorium on Thursday 1st August.



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September 2024

Our villages are constantly changing and adapting to the world in which we live. Some of this change we like, some we're ambivalent about, some we actively dislike and object to.

And those preferences are probably different for each one of us.

On September 7 Bishop Michael along with the Archbishop of Canterbury are going to be leading a day of prayer across the diocese. Parishes and benefices have been encouraged to join in, and to focus our prayers on the communities in which we're based.

In Barton, Keinton, Kingweston and Lydford this will take the form of some ideas about things to pray for and some activities to do in Keinton Church on Saturday, 7th September. The church will be open for the usual hours.

If you want to think about these communities, the school, those who work and help us to have our rubbish collected, post delivered, open the pubs etc. then why not come along. There is no set way to pray and no set expectations, so come and see what is on offer and use it to have a time of peace and quiet whilst also focussing on the needs of the community.

You may also like to come and talk to me about it, this month's '**Grill a Vicar**' is in *Newlands Farmshop Café on Wednesday, 18th September at 2:30pm*, come and join me for a tea or coffee there.

We're also preparing for Harvest, our service will be in Keinton Church on Sunday, 13th October at 11:00am followed by lunch in Keinton Village Hall, all welcome.

We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes, Jane

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!*

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.

Knit and Natter

Periodically our Knit and Natter group are asked to take part in **Community Projects – both local and National.**

If anyone would like to join us, we meet on Monday afternoons between 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the Methodist Church Room.



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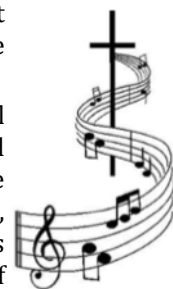
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Benefice Choir

Over the summer the choir has had the pleasure of singing at a wedding and various Benefice and other services. We now look forward to the annual bring and share lunch, held after the Benefice Service on 8th September, giving everyone time to chat, to reflect on the music made over the past year and to hear about Lynne's ideas for music in our worship over the next few months. Partners and friends are very welcome and it is sure to be a fun gathering.

The choir will start preparing for the Harvest Festival celebration on Sunday, 13th October in Keinton Church, followed by a Harvest lunch in Keinton Village Hall. Rehearsals, which are held on a Thursday evening from 7:30pm in Kingweston Church, will then look towards the Remembrance Sunday service, which is held at Lydford and after that to preparations for the start of Advent.

If you would like to join the choir, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Lynne Kirkman on (01458) 224158 – she would love to hear from you.



Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – September 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 1 st Sept. – Sunday 8 th	Sue Baker	223519
Sunday 8 th Sept. – Sunday 15 th	Judith Sherwood	223834
Sunday 15 th Sept. – Sunday 22 nd	John Walker	223617
Sunday 22 nd Sept. – Sunday 29 th	Alan Lines	223441

The Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast is back

A date for your diary. Don't forget!

Saturday, October 19th

from 9:00am in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

Breakfasts will be served from 9:00am until 1:30pm and Cream Teas from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. The funds raised will support many of our local organisations plus *Blood Cancer UK, WHY and Save the Children*.

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast or afternoon cream tea (or both!) and the other attractions that make the Big Breakfast the event it has become! Do bring your family and friends.

Committee members will be selling raffle tickets door to door from the middle of September and once again we already have some wonderful prizes including a £100 first prize, a £100 supermarket voucher, cinema tickets, Yeovil Town football club tickets and a coached clay pigeon shooting session.

There will be plenty more prizes by the time the Big Breakfast happens! We will also be organising a collection of donations for the tombola. More details to follow!

The Full Monty Breakfast, which includes 8 different items, all carefully cooked and served by the wonderful kitchen team, will be **£6** and the **afternoon cream tea will be £2.50**. We will have card readers for payment but we welcome cash payments too!

If you are part of a local organisation and would like support from the funds we raise for a particular project, to buy equipment, for a special activity or anything else please contact the committee on:

keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Committee



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

For further help call the co-ordinator on **Contact number: 07799 487 719**

Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

We are a volunteer driving service by and for the residents of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St David. If you reside in any of these villages, do not drive or have your own transport and have difficulty with public transport you may be eligible to use the scheme.

It can be used for, but not necessarily restricted to, journeys up to 25 miles each way:

- to the doctor, hospital (if free transport is not available), post office, shopping.
- visits to friends or relatives (including when in hospital)
- to bus stops, bus stations, railway stations for onward journeys.

Should you need to use the Transport Scheme please give us a call – preferably 48hrs in advance – and we will do what we can to help:

For further help call the co-ordinator **Contact number: 07799 487 719**

Bus It This September



September is an important month for bus users and for all those thinking of switching to going by bus. September is **CATCH THE BUS MONTH**.

Also in Somerset, September is one of the only two opportunities in the year that bus companies can change their bus timetable. So, bus operators have been looking at their schedules, checking their passenger numbers and some will be making changes from September 1st to optimise their returns.

So, if you can go online, check your local bus routes to see what your bus times are from September 1st. The best way is to go to www.bustimes.org and put in the number of your local bus route and bus times for your local stop will appear. Somerset Bus Partnership has also listed all the bus services which will change in September including a link to the new timetables: <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/busservices>. Given the financial emergency declared by Somerset Council, Somerset hasn't the money to increase its funding of buses so the best way of ensuring you keep your local buses is to BUS IT whenever you can... especially this month as it's Catch the Bus Month!

By supporting your local bus services whenever you can, you're playing your part in ensuring there are buses for those in your local community, young and old, who don't drive or who don't have access to a car hence are dependent on buses.

Transport accounts for 45% of carbon emissions in Somerset, so reduce your environmental impact and travel by bus. It's good for your pocket too as a single bus fare costs just £2 or less and that's guaranteed through to the end of the year.

To celebrate **Catch the Bus Month**, Somerset Bus Partnership is organising over 25 bus stalls across Somerset. We will have all the local bus timetables at these stalls to give away free. To find out where your nearest bus stall is:

<https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/events>.

We also need volunteers to help out for an hour or two at a bus stall. If you can help contact us at: somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

So BUS IT during September's **CATCH THE BUS MONTH**.

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The next Parish Council Meetings are on Tuesday, 3rd September and Tuesday, 1st October 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.

New Councillor
In April, the PC formally welcomed their new councillor – Debbie von Bergen, discussions and decisions. We still have a vacancy for one more councillor.

Traffic Survey Public Consultation
There have been 42 responses at the time of the July PC meeting. The majority of responses state that the main issues are around the village centre and speeding. Most responders support the changes to speed limits as suggested by the Moss Naylor Young report. There is additional support for establishing a traffic flow priority system for the village centre.

Maintenance of footpaths
Maintenance – The PC are aware that some footpaths have become overgrown, as we are still looking for a contractor to replace the Somerset Ranger. Residents whose homes are adjacent to a public pavement are requested to make sure hedges do not become so overgrown as to obstruct the footway. Sadly, there are some places where this is a serious problem, forcing pedestrians into the roadway.

Residents Self-reporting to Somerset Council
There is an app 'Fix My Street' which enables residents to report problems such as blocked drains or potholes easier.

Slinky Bus
The parish council would encourage residents to try out the new 'Slinky' bus service, again available through phone app.

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. A new Chair has come forward, Hugh von Bergen.

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)
As you may know, we have started a programme of wildflower planting at various sites around the village. Sadly, this has not met with complete success thanks (*in part*) to the dismal spring weather. However, we are determined to try again with an autumn planting programme (*probably a better time*) so if you have an area you'd like to be included do let us know (*contact details below*).

We are also completing our catalogue of trees in the Community Copse and hope to have them labelled up by the end of August. During this process, we have identified a few trees (*thankfully in single figures*) which haven't survived. If anyone would like to replace one of these – possibly as a memorial or present to someone special – please get in touch.

In collaboration with the Keinton Youth Action Group, we are commissioning the production of bat and bird boxes – please feel free to place an order if you think you have a suitable site. 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.

Please keep the sightings of hedgehogs – and any other wildlife – coming in. By the time you read this there we hope to have completed a wildlife survey of the Village and, if you did take part, many thanks for your input– we'll let you know the results soon.

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 is on Wednesday, 4th July at 7:30pm in the Quarry Inn.

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

Saturday 28th September

Following a successful **Trafalgar Night** celebration last year, we are offering another chance to see and hear the shanty group "*Fore Sail*" in the Keinton Mandeville Village Hall on 28th September (doors open 7:15pm).

As well as entertainment from Fore Sail and the chance of a really good sing-along, admission includes a light supper, a tot of rum (*or lime juice for the landlubbers amongst you*) on arrival and interval music from local folk band, the Four Foot Four, there will also be a cash bar. **Tickets:** (Adults £10, Children under 12 £5) are available from Trevor Ryder (rydert36@hotmail.co.uk) or Rachel Willcox (r.kaywillcox@gmail.com) and from Keinton Stores.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Lord's Larder.

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 few months are Wednesdays on September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th all between 10am 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 and Claire Harding

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

In July a group of us met at "*The Trough*" which is a cafe and shop just outside Yeovil with views across the countryside. Two people had lunch dishes and the rest of us had coffee and cakes. There was a good selection of cakes available. A good time was had by all and as usual there was much laughter and chat.

August

We had an evening outing to "*The Hound of the Baskervilles*" by the Illyria Theatre Company. The setting among the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey was amazing and the play was equally brilliant. A cast of just 4 actors played more parts than we could count in a light-hearted production of the classic tale. There were lots of quick costume changes, amusing improvisations, intrigue and a dramatic entrance by the eponymous Hound himself. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 17th at 7:30pm

"*Travels in Georgia*" – A talk by Lizzie and Dave Reynolds who will take us on a whistle stop tour of churches, food, mountainous walks and wildlife around the former Soviet state of Georgia. This will be an open meeting. Everyone is welcome to come along – men, women & children. £3 per visitor.

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://thirdtuesday.wixsite.com/thirdtuesday> or contact us at: lydfordthirdtuesday@gmail.com

Women's Institute – Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

Our Women's Institute serves many local villages. We meet in Barton St. David Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month. On occasion some of our meetings are held with Long Sutton W.I. at Long Sutton Village Hall, or at our village hall in Barton.

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. If you are interested in joining our very friendly W.I. please drop us an email at: secretarykmwi@gmail.com



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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

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

Dates for the Diary:

SHED SALE – Saturday, 14th September, 10:00am to 1:00pm at Greystones, Cary Road, East Lydford (will be signposted). In Aid of the **Church Car Park Enhancement Project**. Bacon butties, tea, coffee will be available. There will be various stalls, and if you wish to hire some space to sell your own items this will be available for £5 per space. Alternatively, if you have items you wish to donate towards the sale please contact Ralph Berry by phone: 07530 296885 or email: ralphberry@btinternet.com. (see more details on page 12)

Tea and Talk

Sunday, 15th September at 3:00pm in the Parish hall, West Lydford. The Talk will be given by a representative of the *Charity Ripple Effect* – previously known as *Send a Cow*. For 36 years the Charity has been working alongside farming families in East Africa so they can grow a brighter future, fighting hunger and climate change. The Send a Cow Charity was formed by a group of farmers from the local area. Though Tea and Talk is run by the Benefice it is not a church gathering so please do support it and, maybe, ask another family member, friend, or neighbour to come and join us.

House Communion

3:00pm Wednesday, 25th September in the Parish Hall, West Lydford

This is a short Service of Holy Communion followed by Afternoon Tea and is open to all in the Benefice. Should you have a problem with transport then please contact Ralph Berry on 07530 296885.

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Our popular Cafe is back this month! And we all look forward to seeing you for our lovely coffee and wonderful home-baked biscuits. Lots of books to grab, so looking forward to welcoming you all! **Tuesday 24th September in the Parish hall 10.30am - 12 midday.** On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund (Lydford-on-Fosse)

- ❖ **HELP!** Do you know anyone in Lydford who needs help and/or support?
- ❖ It may be help with buying books for university.
- ❖ It may be help with buying tools or equipment for a new job.
- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund has a small annual income – the Trustees would like to spend this money, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who lives in Lydford.



Lydford Moviola



The next Moviola screening at Lydford Parish Hall will be on **Friday, 13th September at 7:30pm**. The doors open at 7:00pm and there is a bar available until the film is screened at 7:30pm. A time to catch up with your friends.

The film to be shown is Baltimore 2023(15) a drama/thriller. *The story of Rose Dugdalean English debutante and heiress who abandoned a life of luxury and privilege for one of defiance and militancy. Amid the political unrest of the 1970's, radicalised by her growing sympathy for the IRA's cause Rose stages an armed robbery of an Irish country house. Starring Imogen Potts and Tom Vaughn Lawlor.*

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Barton St David - Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

Table Tennis Sessions begin again on Friday, 6th September. They are at the village hall and run from 2:00pm until 4:00pm every Friday until mid December. Why not come and join us for a game or two. No experience necessary. We can guarantee exercise, competition and lots of laughter!

Bats and balls are supplied, Beverages and biscuits served at half time! Just £2 per person. If interested please contact Elaine Balcombe on esbalcombe@googlemail.com or (01458) 850465. 

Barton St David History Club

After the summer break, which included a well-attended stand at the Barton Carnival and a very enjoyable members visit to the History Hut and the 17th century Church in the Field at Low Ham.

Talks in Barton Village Hall will resume on *Thursday, September 26th at 7:30pm* with a not-to-be missed visit by *Frank Falcon from Bletchley Park* who will be speaking to us about the amazing code-breaking work done there during the second World War "*Enigma and the Bombe*". Members free, Non-members £2 (cash on the door).

Looking ahead to October the third **Robinson Memorial Lecture** will take place on **Thursday, 10th October** when Dr Ruscombe Foster will give a talk entitled "*In Search of Florence Nightingale*". To ensure admission, tickets, (free for Members and £5 for Non-members) will be available at the September meeting or by contacting Carolyn Giddings (carolynjbrowning@aol.com).

Plotgate Community Farm

Plotgate Community Farm is co-operatively run by its members.

The growers and volunteers produce seasonal vegetables on a 16-acre site in Barton St David. Members can collect, or have delivered, a weekly or fortnightly share of the produce, each box containing at least 8 different types of vegetable.

There are events, activities and opportunities as well as fresh food all through the year. Find out more at the Barton Inn on Friday evenings, 4:00pm – 6:30pm when we're there with the veg boxes. If you would like a share of the harvest, we also deliver on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Call or text 07817 608 283, or email: info@plotgatecommunityfarm.org

Other collection points are in Glastonbury and Street on Mondays, Langport on Saturdays. More info at: www.plotgatecommunityfarm.org and Facebook.

Mid Wessex Singers – Christmas Concert Programme

After the very successful Spring Concert marking our 25th Anniversary, the Mid Wessex Singers will start our Tuesday evening rehearsals (*7:00pm for a prompt 7:15pm start*) for our seasonal festive programme at West Street Church Hall, Somerton (TA11 7PR), on Tuesday 3rd September. There is free parking close by. All adult singers who love to sing, with or without choral experience, are welcome. We do not audition.

The ability to read music is helpful but not essential as rehearsal tracks are made available. We are a friendly bunch, so if you are new to the area and looking to meet people who share your interest in music, why not come along.

For those who just like to listen, the Christmas Concert date for your diary is the evening of Wednesday 18th December at St Michael and All Angels Church in Somerton, *further details nearer the time*. For more information visit www.midwessexsingers.co.uk or call our Secretary, Sheena, on 07768 704883.

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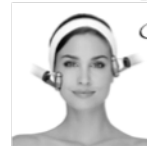
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Venue: St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton

Dates: Saturday, 21st September to Sunday, 6th October.

Open 10:00am to 5:00pm each day.

Anna will be present on Thursdays and weekends throughout the event. The exhibited work has been made with Communities in Keinton, local artists, and artists from further afield.

These pocket sized books are a celebration of our precious green spaces, habitats and memories. This project highlights the stake we have in our environments, and strengthens our roles as custodians.

Opening celebration event: Saturday, 21st September, 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

All welcome. Light refreshments available. Concertina landscape making workshops will take place on: Saturday, 28th September at 10:00am to midday and Saturday 5th October at 2:00 pm to 4:00pm.

Try your hand at making a concertina landscape. You'll be drawing, printing and forming your book with Anna, at the church. Suitable for children age 6+ and adults. The workshops are free but places need to be booked via Eventbrite:

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Lydford and District Gardening Club

Generally this particular section of the magazine begins with an over-long paragraph of waffle mixed with some piffle and a fair amount of twaddle. Not to mention whimsy. The inane ramblings of an aged blatherskite looking to fill a few column inches with tirades against slugs, snails, caterpillars and the pricing policies of garden centres. However, due to a perfect storm of circumstances, there is a huge amount of important gardening club information which needs to be distributed and consequently, should the normal meandering introduction be at the top of the nitty-gritty then a tome the size of *'War and Peace'* might be created. Such an act would not be positive in terms of reducing paper usage. Or reducing readers' ennui and so we move swiftly along.

July

The July meeting of the Club featured Dr. Paul Bygrave. If he was once a medical man, he kept the fact quiet but he certainly knew all his Latin terminology. Paul is in charge of the nursery attached to the garden at Forde Abbey. Where he reckons to grow 30,000 plants a year in order to stock the gardens and sell others to the public. That many plants must feed a lot of slugs! He has previously worked at Kew and the Chelsea Physic Garden and is a keen follower of the *'Prairie'* style of planting promoted by the legendary Piet Oudolf. The title of the talk related to plants which continue to provide colour into the late season or indeed the fabled *'Indian Summer'*. Dr. Bygrave spoke well and amazed the audience with his capacity for remembering the common, Latin and varietal names for the plants in his slides. Coneflowers, dahlias, chrysanthemums and many others featured in his talk and a visit to the Abbey would appear to be highly recommended!

Paul undoubtedly had more to give, yet, without in any way being rude, the suitably august members of the committee who welcomed him to the Parish Hall did suggest that a bit of brevity might not be a bad thing. The reason for such a request was that the Club had things to celebrate. **20 years in existence without ever a cross word!** The traditional gift for being married for that time would appear to be china but being an alternative group, Club members dispensed with China tea in porcelain and went instead for Prosecco in (not) cut-glass flutes with which they drank a toast to the past twenty years, the current health of the Club and continued success in the future.

Moreover, the continued development of the organisation was evidenced by the formal opening of the new, all-singing and dancing Club website **www.lydfordanddistrictgardeningclub.co.uk**.

The address above will lead to a wealth of photographs, information, advice and news. Everything horticultural all in the same place. Members and non-members are encouraged to browse the pages and attempt to recognise where the photographs were taken and when. A Q.R. code, the black and white square thing which doesn't work at National Trust places, is available to 'help' access the site and this may be available elsewhere in the Magazine. Jane Frampton has done a huge amount of work to organise the creation of the site and she is to be thanked and applauded loudly and lengthily!

Due to fatigue, the after effects of Prosecco and holidays, the Club did not meet in August. However such respite cannot last and the *September meeting is on Tuesday, September 10th*. This will take the form of a barbecue to be held by the Parish Hall where members, friends and family can talk about their holidays and think up new and appropriate collective nouns for slugs, snails and caterpillars. Members could also bring any produce that has overwhelmed their needs and they might be able to swap it for something that is not a marrow. No charge will be made for the refreshments but a special raffle, potentially with a Gallic flavour, will be held so if anyone still uses cash they should bring it with them or perhaps a raid on a young grand-child's piggy bank could be in order. **Please Note:** the start time for this event is 6:00pm – 18.00 – 6 o'clock in the evening.

Also in September, due to the organisational efforts of Lynne Mitchell and Ralph Berry, a professional tool and knife sharpening service will be available on **Saturday, 14th September from 10.00am to 13.00pm** (For details see *"Shed Sale"* notice, page 12)



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Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council Meeting on 14th August.

Due to the weight of outstanding business, the PC took the unusual step of holding a meeting in August at which the following items were covered:

- Cllr Purcell was elected as the Vice-Chair of the PC
- It was decided that all future PC meetings would start at 7:00pm
- Two planning applications for residential developments at Fosse Farm on Dial's Gate Lane and opposite Greystones on the Cary Road were considered. The PC voted unanimously to recommend approval of both applications.
- Local residents' safety concerns due to the regular obstruction of the public footway was discussed. This will be considered further at future meetings.
- The annual report by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) on the playground on the Sports Field was discussed. Sadly, this has continued to deteriorate, and action to address its declining state is becoming urgent.
- Members agreed that the PC should contribute £500 towards the cost of extending the church car at St Peter's in order to help to protect the war memorial from further damage.
- The PC's budget for this financial year was approved.
- Useful advice from Somerset Council, including access to online training on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud or financial scams, was highlighted. Links to this and other helpful SC articles are available through the Lydford on Fosse Website (<https://www.lydfordonfosse.co.uk>).
- The next PC meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 4th September, starting at 7:00pm.



Lydford Forest Gardens Workday

Saturday, 14th September 2024: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Lydford Forest Gardens' trustees and friends will be holding our second workday of the year in the Gardens in West Lydford between 9:30am and 12:30pm on Saturday, 14th September. We had a very successful workday in June, reinstating the herb garden, improving the seating area and undertaking some timely maintenance. As a result, we have since enjoyed the serenity of the gardens, and sharing the excellent yield on our fruiting bushes. Although these are now

pretty well finished, our tree fruits are coming into season, and will be available for all to enjoy too.

We would welcome any volunteers on 14th September when our focus will be on weeding and bramble removal. 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.

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 come and say hello on 14th September. We look forward to seeing you there!

Shed Sale

14th September 2024 – 10:00am till 1:00pm
At Greystones, East Lydford on the Cary Road
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The criminals normally work in pairs, targeting vulnerable and desirable makes of vehicle by using cloning devices which have the ability to grab the signal from the smart key so that it appears to the car or van that the key is present. The whole process can take as little as 60 seconds and for safety reasons the engine won't cut out when the key is out of range.

Your vehicle is most vulnerable overnight, particularly if parked on your driveway or directly outside your home where most of these thefts occurs.

If you are looking to buy a new vehicle, it's worth looking into the security of your make and model. Thatchams Research, who conduct testing on security and safety for vehicles, produce a vehicles' Consumer Security Rating assessment for all new vehicles <https://www.thatcham.org/>. Ratings are based on all-round security, but importantly they must also pass a Relay Theft test conducted by Thatcham Research technicians. Should it fail, a "Poor" rating is given.

Manufacturers and industry bodies have been working to combat Relay Theft for many years – if you are purchasing a new car please speak to your car dealer.

How to prevent this: When not in use either at home, when out and about or on holiday – store your keys in a security pouch. Security pouches are sometimes called *Faraday bags* or *RFID signal blockers*, these will prevent the signal from your vehicle being captured using electronic devices.

Don't leave your keys in the hallway near the front door as fishing for vehicle keys through the letterbox is a prominent method of stealing them. Grabbing the signal will be easier for the thieves if the keys are near the front door.

Install a Tracker – Tracker systems can increase the chances of recovery of your vehicle if it is stolen. Many systems activate once the vehicle is stolen and track it via GPS and other systems. Secured by Design have several members which specialise in this area and can advise on the best system for your vehicle type and can also fit the product. The installation of closed circuit television (CCTV) which can be linked to your television or video to view your drive is an alternative. If you do decide to use CCTV it is important to read the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) advice on Domestic CCTV systems.

Consider using physical security like a steering wheel lock or wheel clamp as modern car thieves prefer not to attack these types of physical security devices as they want to get away quickly without getting caught.

It is unclear whether leaving key fobs in a tin box will prevent potential thieves grabbing the signal but advice is to choose a product that has been independently tested. Some types of key fobs can be switched to disabled, so check your vehicle manual or ask your dealer for advice.

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Sunday, 1st September

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Sunday, 15th September

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tea@3 – On August 8th we welcomed more children over the summer holidays – there was a knitting class and others enjoyed making Olympic medals and flags. A very happy afternoon! Thank you to everyone who came along... Hope to see you in September!

The next tea@3 will be on Thursday 12th September. Please come and enjoy a cuppa and cake, alongside games, a jigsaw or just a chat! Everyone is VERY welcome. Children from Keinton Mandeville Primary school join in after 3:15pm. By now the Holiday Club will have been in full swing! It's sure to have been an enjoyable time, led by Rev Jane Durham and her wonderful team of helpers. Thank you, to everyone, who was involved!

Dates for September include: A talk by John Sutton on Thursday, 5th September at 7:00pm. John will be remembering his early days and the shops and businesses in Keinton during the 50's and 60's.

Harvest Festival – Our Harvest festival service on Sunday, 6th October will be led by Rev Collin Moore at 3:00pm. We would love to see you! This will be followed on Monday, 7th October by our auction of produce, including a ploughman's supper, at 6:30pm. Please come along – it is always an entertaining evening! More details later...

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Reimagining generosity

In John's Gospel, the first of the signs that Jesus offers to show who he is happens at a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee (*John 2: 1-11*). Jesus saves the whole event from being a social disaster. The presenting issue is that the wine runs out. This exposes the families that have organised the event to the possibility of severe embarrassment. Rather than modelling lavish hospitality, they are in danger of showing themselves to be stingy and disorganised.

Thankfully Jesus's mum is alerted to the situation and gets Jesus on the case. He comes up with a solution and all is well.

What gets me every time about this story is the scale and the quality of the solution that Jesus presents. If my calculations are right, Jesus saves the day by creating the equivalent of six wheelie bins full of wine. And not just your supermarket bottom shelf stuff. The wine he provides is of the very best quality – stuff that would delight sommeliers and wine snobs the world over.

In his first action, Jesus could have chosen to show any number of things about himself – his wisdom, his power, his goodness or so on. What's striking is that he begins by revealing that he is someone of astonishing and abundant generosity. This is at heart who Jesus is.

If this is who Jesus is, then that means that this is who God is too. For *'in God there is no unChristlikeness'*. In his first action, Jesus is showing us that at heart, God is abundantly and astonishingly generous.

If we're all made in God's image, might that be at heart who we're called to be too? Often, the call to be generous can be portrayed as hard and difficult, about self-sacrifice and denial, of the costly call to put others first. But what if we reimagined what being generous means? If we understood being generous as in fact the way to reveal and enjoy our true selves – lavishly, abundantly, joyfully... merrily?

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Bishop Michael

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Harvest Festival
Sunday 13th October 2024

Harvest Festival Service 11:00 am
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Harvest Lunch
In Keinton Mandeville Village Hall From 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

You are warmly invited to celebrate
Harvest 2024 with a delicious BBQ Buffet Lunch
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or phone Rachel on **07966 873660** or Claire **07881 592815**
Further details on the website: <https://wheathill.org/>
(Dates for your Diary) and in the Parish Magazine.




**** Please leave at Keinton Stores by Monday 7th October ****



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