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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, 17th October at 2:30pm

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

FREE Prostate Prostate Cancer Testing Event



Sunday 6th October, 10am - 4pm

Glastonbury Town Hall, Magdalene Street, BA6 9EL

Somerset Prostate Support Association, in conjunction with The Brue Boys Choir and Glastonbury and Street Lions Club are hosting a **FREE event on Sunday, 6th October 2024 for men aged 40 and over.**

Every year in the UK 40,000 men are diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and around 10,000 die from the disease. Early diagnosis can be crucial to successful treatment. Appointments take 10-15 minutes and **Must be Booked In Advance.** It will **Not** be possible to be tested on the day without a prior appointment.

All tests are confidential and are carried out by qualified medical practitioners. For any questions regarding the tests please contact Peter Hopwood tel: 01458 441669 or email: peterhopwood46@gmail.com

*Donations to SPSA for future testing events will be gratefully received either at the event or via [spsa.uk](https://www.spsa.uk) where you can donate online.*

To book your appointment at a time to suit you :

1. Visit [myspatests.org/events/](https://myspatests.org/events/)
2. Register yourself using your email address.
3. Click ‘Find an event’ and search for SPSA
4. Select the event, scroll down, choose a convenient time and book it.

Questions: Contact Peter Hopwood, 01458 441669, or [peterhopwood46@gmail.com](mailto:peterhopwood46@gmail.com)

Entries for November 2024 magazine – By 09:00 am \* Thursday \* 24<sup>th</sup> October

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## Wheathill Benefice Worship – October 2024

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
6th Oct Trinity 19	Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	Holy Communion by extension Lydford on Fosse	—
13th Oct Harvest	11:00am Benefice Harvest Festival, Keinton Mandeville Church Followed by Harvest Lunch *Hog Roast* in Keinton Village Hall		
20th Oct Trinity 21	Morning Prayer Barton St David	Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	—
27th Oct Last after Trinity	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	Holy Communion Barton St David	—
1st Nov	7:00pm 'All Souls' Service, Kingweston		
3rd Nov All Saints	10:30am All Saints Holy Communion Kingweston		

### Harvest Festival Service, St Mary Magdalene Church

At the harvest service this year (in Keinton 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
Tinned Meat	Meat Pies	Tinned Fish	Cereals
Tinned Puddings	Tinned Fruit	Sponge Puddings	Custard
Squash	Long-life Juice	Tea	Coffee
Marmalade	Peanut Butter	Jam	Marmite
Sugar	Sauces	Tinned Vegetables	

### 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 open 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.

### From the Registers

*We welcome into the Lord's family :*

**Hugo Rene Simon CHALON** of Sydney Australia who was baptised on Sunday, 1st September 2024 at All Saint's Church, Kingweston

**Gabriella May Phelps GOGGIN** who was baptised on Saturday, 7th September 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

**Constance Maria Phelps GOGGIN** who was baptised on Saturday, 7th September 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

**Genevieve Pearl Phelps GOGGIN** who was baptised on Saturday, 7th September 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

**Avangelina Rose Phelps GOGGIN** who was baptised on Saturday, 7th September 2024 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.



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### Dear friends

It is that time of year when moving around our villages there are piles of apples and other fruit and veg on the roadside, tractors with grain or straw behind them and whilst we have had some glorious days, the evenings are drawing in and getting darker. Keats writes of this time of year in his poem To Autumn:

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.*

Harvest is the culmination of the work of planting, tending and then cutting the crops. Some years it is good, there is no shortage and barns and grain stores overflow. Other years it is less good. This year we've had plenty (maybe too much at times) of rain and not a huge amount of sun. I know that some apple crops are down, others too have planted differently to cope with the weather.

So how do we respond to this? We've had the wrong sort of weather at the wrong time, all year, too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry. Whilst gardens might have thrived no amount of 'tending' can recompense for all the issues arising from the wrong weather at the wrong time!

So maybe our response is twofold:

1. Seeking, insofar as we are able, to live with an awareness of the impact of our lives, particularly through: consumption, travel, food choices etc and mitigating those impacts where possible.
2. As a part of that supporting British and local farmers and producers, buying local where possible and supporting our local communities and businesses.

I would then like to add a third to that which is to suggest that we also recall our creator God who makes and sustains the world and everything in it. We're looking forward to gathering together for harvest on 13<sup>th</sup> October and following that with lunch in Keinton Village hall. Despite everything we can still give thanks

We can still remember that no matter how small (or large) the harvest is we have food on our plates and roofs over our heads and give thanks for that, whilst continuing to find ways to eat tomatoes, courgettes and apples (or whatever you have a glut of) or maybe sharing them with friends and neighbours.

With my best wishes, Jane

### Save the Dates

**Friday, 1st November, 7:00pm Kingweston 'All souls';** remembering those whom we have loved but no longer see. **Sunday, 3rd November, 10:30am Kingweston,** All Saints Benefice Celebration. **Sunday, 10th November, 10:15am** Remembrance Sunday worship, starts in Lydford Church then outside for the act of remembrance at 11:00am.

### TABLE TOP SALE

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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## Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – October 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 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. – Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Anthea Walton	223500
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct. – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Wallwork	07757704221
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct. – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra & Chris Weigh	224696
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct. – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Locke	224287

## 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

## Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT Our Community Transport Scheme needs extra drivers!

Our volunteer driving scheme, by and for the residents of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St. David, has proved so successful that we are struggling to keep up with the demand for our services. As a result, we are seeking drivers who could spare a few hours a month to join our team. *Drivers are paid 45p per mile (the Government approved mileage rate) for each drive undertaken.*

The scheme is available to help out those who do not drive or have their own transport or those for whom public transport (if it is available) is difficult to access. 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*); the post office; shopping; friends or relatives (*including when in hospital*); bus stops; bus stations or railway stations for onward journeys. Requests for journeys should be made *at least 48 hours in advance*. **Contact number is: 07799 487719.**

If any one would like further information or would like to discuss joining us as a volunteer driver then please phone us on the above number and someone will get back to you to discuss it further.

## Benefice Choir

Benefice Choir rehearsals are currently suspended, if you would like to join the choir or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Rachel Willcox [r.kaywillcox@gmail.com](mailto:r.kaywillcox@gmail.com), Claire Harding [betweenlanes@live.co.uk](mailto:betweenlanes@live.co.uk) or Rev Jane Durham - [rev.jane.durham@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jane.durham@gmail.com) We would be glad to hear from you.



**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](mailto:jane.carers@outlook.com)

Call the co-ordinator on **Contact number: 07799 487 719** for further help.

## 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.*



## Concertina Landscapes – An Exhibition

An Exhibition of books made in  
collaboration with artist Anna Baker  
At St Mary Magdalene Church,  
Keinton mandeville

Dates: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September to  
Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



Concertina landscape making workshops will take place on:

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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:  
<https://sawconcertina.eventbrite.com>

### Happy (belated) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Keinton Mandeville Women's Institute

An unexpected email arrived at Keinton Mandeville Parish Council's inbox – an  
invite to the Women's Institute 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Having known  
some of the W.I. members for many years, I instantly offered to attend.

What do I know about the organisation beyond watching Calendar Girls and  
seeing W.I. stalls at fairs in various villages over the years? Do I take a flower  
arrangement/homemade cake pot of jam? Can I remember the words to  
"Jerusalem"? Will everyone be dressed in identical sweaters bearing the W.I.  
logo? To be honest, the answer was not a lot.

Barton St David village hall was full – obviously this was an important  
celebration. An air of excitement and anticipation. A busy evening! I instantly  
felt included. Yes, we did sing Jerusalem in homage to tradition. Via technology  
we were able to learn about various W.I. traditions.

**Our special visitor - a belly dancer.** In Barton St David? Not what I expected  
but not a bare midriff in sight! A brief talk gave us an insight into the history of  
belly dancing dating as far back as Ancient Egypt. Our tutor showed us various  
dance moves – my goodness how flexible you need to be! Some members of the  
audience participated in the dance. Fascinating to watch with much laughter  
from us all. This was followed by a ploughman's supper with Pimms or  
Prosecco? Why choose – have both. This gave everyone a great opportunity to  
socialise. The cutting of the beautifully decorated anniversary cake was preceded  
by an entertaining introduction from Anne which at times was poignant,  
remembering past members, and reminiscing about past shared activities.

To finish the evening, again via the benefits of technology, we watched a  
montage of activities Keinton Mandeville W.I. members have participated in. Not  
a flower arrangement or pot of jam in sight. It was delightful. Thank you, Sharon,  
Vega and all the W.I. members who contributed to such a brilliant evening.

I loved it – and if there are any doubts about the fun the W.I. have just watch  
the sketch about synchronised swimming (*done on dry land*) hilarious.

Keinton Mandeville W.I. meet once a month at Barton St David Village Hall

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**Chris Calcutt**

**on behalf of Keinton Mandeville Parish Council**



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**The next Parish Council Meeting** is on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Our Autumn wildflower planting programme will be getting under way in October. We will be re-planting some of the areas which were part of the Spring programme and which did not seed as successfully as we had hoped. However, we'd like to plant new areas this Autumn, so if you have a verge, an area of your garden or any space you'd like to re-wild please let us know through one of the links below.

We are also completing our catalogue of trees in the Community Copse and hope to have them labelled up by the end of September. There sadly are a handful of trees 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.

As we have reported before, 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 we hope to have completed a wildlife survey of the Village and, if you did take part, many thanks for your input- we will 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, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Quarry Inn.*

Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook

Email: [info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk)

### 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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> 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  
Primary School**



**Open Days 2024**  
**Join us for our Open Day on**  
**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Sessions are: **09:30 — 10:00 am;**  
**11:00 — 11:30am; 1:30 — 2:00pm**

Check out our website:

<https://www.keintonmandevilleschool.org.uk/Parents/opendays/>

Or call us on: **(01458) 223452** (press option 3)

## The 25th Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast is back

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**From 9:00am in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall**

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast between 9:00am-1:30pm. Or a cream tea between 2:00pm and 4:00pm ... or both!

Come with your family and friends or on your own and make new friends! Everyone is welcome to this special community event which raises money for many local organisations, **plus Blood Cancer UK, WHY and Save the Children.**

There will be raffle tickets on sale, a tombola, a quiz, charity stalls, flower arrangement auctions and delicious breakfasts cooked and served by the wonderful kitchen team.

From 2:00pm we will be serving cream teas and the raffle will be drawn at 4:00pm.

Committee members will be selling raffle tickets door to door between now and the 19<sup>th</sup> October. We already have some wonderful raffle prizes donated including *£100 first prize, £100 supermarket voucher, cinema tickets for Strode and Westlands, meal vouchers, hairdressing vouchers, Somerset Cricket tickets, Haynes Motor Museum tickets, Yeovil Town tickets, a children's audio Tonies Box, a coached clay pigeon shooting session for 2 people and there are many more.*

We can only take cash payments at your door but will be able to take card payments on the day.

As we write this, we are organising a collection of donations for the tombola -- look out for the flyers coming through your letterboxes in some parts of Keinton! There will also be a tombola collection box in Keinton Stores if you would like to make a donation there, particularly if the collectors (*Keinton Youth Group*) are unable to collect from your area.

**A Full Monty Breakfast comprises 8 items or individual items will be priced at 80p** if you prefer to select your own breakfast items. There will also be provision for a vegetarian option. We will have card readers but please bring cash if you can! *We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and sharing a great community day together.*

If you represent a local organisation, club or group and would like to be considered for a donation from this year's event please use the email below.

If you have any queries at all please don't hesitate to contact us on: *keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com* We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Committee**

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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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## St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

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

### Shed Sale

Those who attended went away with lots of bargains from the Shed Sale held at Greystones on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. It was a lovely sunny morning with various Stalls selling items besides the Shed Sale, including the Mobile Garden Tools Sharpening Man. The bacon butties went down well with the public. Very many thanks to those who gave up their time to help.

In all the amount of £900 was raised towards the car park improvements as well as taking over £300 for the plastic grid sponsorship. The PCC still need approximately £2000 to cover the cost so fund raising is an ongoing process. Should you wish to donate please contact Ralph Berry whose details are on the front of this magazine.

### Gift Week

St Peter's PCC are holding a **Gift Week again this year from the 30<sup>th</sup> September to the 6<sup>th</sup> October**. A letter will be delivered to all who live in the Lydfords. The members of the PCC hope you will read the information and, if you wish to donate, then your donations will be gratefully received. The cost of maintaining the Church and Churchyard are, like everything else, increasing each year.

The PCC hope you will contribute to help them keep the Church and surrounding area well maintained.

### Harvest

The Benefice Harvest Service is being held in *Keinton Mandeville Church on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am*. There will be the Harvest Lunch in Keinton Village Hall at 12:30pm. The funds received will be in aid of Keinton Church.

### Welcome & POPin Cafe

#### Soup Lunch

I'm having to write this really early, and it seems slightly inappropriate to be advertising the Cafe's return to 'Soup lunches' when the sun is shining down on me! Nevertheless, **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, will see the return to three choices of homemade soups accompanied by cheese scones.

As before, doors open at 11:30am for sit down with soup at 12 midday until 1:30pm. Tea and coffee also on offer. We look forward to seeing you all at this popular lunchtime Soup Cafe! **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October** in the Parish Hall.

On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity

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- ❖ **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.

If there is anyone who would like assistance, please contact the Trust in confidence:

Secretary, Caroline Seehra tel: 07926 488190

or The Treasurer, Ann Parkhouse tel: 01963 240268.

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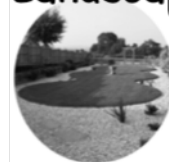
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### Barton St David - Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

Table Tennis Sessions began again on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:esbalcombe@googlemail.com) or (01458) 850465.



### Barton St David History Club

**Thursday, 10th October at 7:30pm**

The third Robinson Memorial Lecture in memory of Peter and Penny Robinson who started our club some nine years ago will feature Dr Ruscombe Foster who will be giving a talk entitled *"In Search of Florence Nightingale"*. We are anticipating a good attendance to hear this speaker so to ensure admission it is advisable to obtain tickets, (free for Members and £5 for non-members) by contacting Carolyn Giddings ([carolynjbrowning@aol.com](mailto:carolynjbrowning@aol.com)).

**Thursday, 7th November at 7:30pm**

Our November meeting takes us back in time to the Monmouth rebellion and we are delighted to welcome a military historian **James Porter** who will talk us through the decisive *Battle of Sedgemoor* which took place near Westonzoyland in July 1685. All welcome.

*Admission free for Members, £2 (cash please) on the door for non-members.*

### 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](mailto:info@plotgatecommunityfarm.org)**

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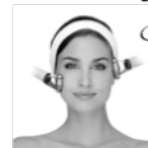
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### Lydford Third Tuesday Group

At our **September meeting**, we were very pleased to have Lizzie and Dave back again for another of their excellent travel talks. This time their subject was their tour last summer around Georgia travelling by bus, train, on foot, plus a bit of hitch hiking too!

Their talk began with a potted history of Georgia starting with the establishment of Christianity there in the first century, through to gaining independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 and becoming the democratic country it is today.

The architectural highlights of their tour included: the historic natural sulphur baths of Tbilisi; a huge 12<sup>th</sup> century cave monastery in Vardzia which once housed 2000 monks; and the many ancient churches which are famous for their colourful frescoes and engravings. We also heard about the stunning scenery in the countryside: snow-topped wooded mountains, unspoilt meadows of wild flowers, plus an abundance of birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Their talk was illustrated with photos of the beautiful scenery and buildings, interspersed with pictures of tables piled high with food and wine. Apparently the local orange wine is very good and food portions in Georgia are absolutely enormous! Many thanks to Lizzie and Dave for their interesting and entertaining talk.

### Next Events

**Social evening - Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.** Come along for tea/coffee and a chat with friends - old and new! *Please note: the planned local history event has been postponed.*

**"An Insight into the Jewellery World" Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.** A talk by Jack Rumsey who will tell us about his jewellery business from its beginnings to now. *There will also be an option to view and purchase items of jewellery.* This will be an open meeting – all welcome to attend. £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:*

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### You Could Help Save Someones Life

#### Re-Start A Heart - Free Training Course

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If you have not recently been trained in first aid why not come to the Lydford community 'Re-start a Heart' training evening on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6:00pm at the Cross Keys Inn. With five new community defibrillators having been installed in the Lydfords in the past few months we want to make sure as many people as possible understand when and how these are used as well as how to administer CPR (*cardiopulmonary resuscitation*) and other first aid skills which could help someone's survival in an emergency.

This is particularly important in our rural community where paramedic services are not on our doorstep. The previous 'Re-start a Heart' evening in January proved very popular. If you did not attend please think about doing the free training on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Please also encourage family members, friends and neighbours to come along to learn and practise some essential skills. We will need to limit numbers to allow space for every participant to 'have a go' so please book your space by 24<sup>th</sup> October, contact Steph Taylor on email:

[steph.taylor@othoni.myzen.co.uk](mailto:steph.taylor@othoni.myzen.co.uk)

**Defibrillator Working Group**



## Lydford and District Gardening Club

It would appear that it is increasingly difficult for local organisations to find the personnel required to run them. Chairpersons, Hon. Secretaries, Treasurers, Committee Members and suchlike are not as common in the countryside as they used to be. There was a time when these people were as common as verge side dandelions. Mention the need for a new Secretary in any social gathering and there would be a queue of willing volunteers on the path to the front door before the milk was delivered the next morning. However, things are not so easy in modern times. Parish and Parochial Church Councils find it difficult to fill all the seats that are required to make meetings quorate. Church bells are only rung due to a lot of effort from just a few people and anyone involved in running a sports team is only too familiar with the Friday night or even Saturday morning marathon phone session required to find 11 or 15 'Good (wo)men and true'. By and large things happen. Breeches are filled and when push comes to shove, things continue as they always have done. But just occasionally circumstances conspire to confound even the best laid plans and common sense has to prevail over grim determination. Thus the September meeting of the Gardening Club was scuppered by a perfect storm of imperfect circumstances amongst the Committee members. Consequently the report on the Annual Autumnal barbecue, due to be held on Tuesday September 10th, has to be brief. **It did not happen.** No succulent sausages, no ravishing rolls, no succulent strawberries under a grandiose gazebo and no seductive cider or winsome wine.

### Next Meeting

Therefore the only way forward is to look to the future generally *and Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October in particular*. All things being equal, as a teacher once told me a long time ago is what economists love to say, the *next Club gathering is on that date* and the meeting will take the form of a members' session where everyone will have the opportunity to eat biscuits, drink coffee and talk about the successes of the past growing season as well as the failures, the disappointments, the nasty surprises and perhaps be able to help others with their suggestions for better things in the future. Any advice as to how one can love a slug will be especially welcome. Consequently it might be helpful if people came along with an idea as to what the high points of the year have been or even write a few notes on how good a gardener they are, purely in order to make people jealous. Perhaps it might make for entertainment if members could speak lyrically about three horticultural achievements and then the audience might have the chance to guess which is the only one which was actually true! Rather like 'Call my Bluff' for the green fingered and slightly duplicitous section of society!

Moreover, this year's seed offering will be advertised and it is due to be much improved on that offered by the lovable but old and tired Mr. Fothergill last year. The gloriously initialled D.T. Brown has assumed responsibility for the role of Santa Claus of the seed world, offering 50% off all prices, free post and packaging, a glorious catalogue, access to over 1200 seed varieties on line and a minimum order of only £200 between the whole Club. Why not make 2024 the year when all Christmas presents are seeds?

All are welcome to the Parish Hall on the Brue at 19:00hrs or thereabouts, on *Tuesday 8th October*, armed with stories of how the year has gone in the garden.



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## Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

### Lydford on Fosse Parish Council September Meeting.

The meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Hall. The following issues were covered:

- Cllr. Debbie Steel agreed to take over the PC's Highways & Transportation portfolio.
- Although our Somerset Councillor, Claire Sully, wasn't able to attend the meeting, she sent a report which included a consultation on possible changes to the Council Tax Reduction Support for working age adults on low incomes; a partnership to boost heat pump installations in Mendip South, including an offer of £7,500 per household; and Suicide Prevention work in the county. Details for those interested can be found under 'News Snippets from Somerset Council' in the 'Latest News' section of the Parish website.
- A request to vary the design of a new residence to be built on Mardi's Lane was recommended for approval by the PC.
- Notification was received that the recent application to install an illuminated advertising display at Lydford Filling Station, close to the A37, had been approved by Somerset Council (SC) despite the PC's recommendation that it be refused.
- Details have been received from SC of a pilot scheme to allow Parish & Town Councils to purchase highway maintenance services, such as road sign cleaning, pot-hole filling and hedge trimming, from their highways contractor, Keir. The PC will request some sample costings to help them to assess the value and benefit of the scheme to the Parish.
- Recent concerns over the placement of a large Greggs' sign by the exit from Lydford Filling Station were discussed. The PC have already engaged with SC Highways Department and the Filling Station's headquarters about the associated hazard due to reduced visibility of southbound traffic. After the meeting, the Filling Station's owners advised that they accepted the concerns raised and would move the sign as soon as they could arrange to do so.
- A highly informative presentation was received about the equipment and work of the Speedwatch team, and their involvement with Avon & Somerset Police and the wider Mendip Speedwatch community.
- The Neighbourhood Watch team advised of a break-in to the garden shed of a residence on the B3153 on the border between Lydford & Keinton. Security cameras were evaded, padlocks cut, and some items stolen.
- The PC agreed to ask the company currently engaged in cutting the Sports Field's grass to also remove the weeds and trim the hedges around the Playground.
- The PC's internal audit will shortly fall due. Unfortunately, the previous auditor is leaving the area and, after several years of excellent support, is no longer able to provide their services. The PC's Clerk is therefore looking to engage a new auditor. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact the Clerk at [lofpcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lofpcclerk@gmail.com).

The next PC meeting is scheduled to take place on *Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, in the Parish Hall, starting at 7:00pm.*

### Lydford Forest Gardens – September Workday

Thank you very much to the friends and volunteers who joined the Lydford Forest Gardens' trustees for a morning of strimming, weeding, brambbling, pruning and general maintenance of our community garden on 14<sup>th</sup> September.



It was a beautiful, sunny morning, and a couple of hours with a willing band, a cup of coffee and a bacon butty (*thank you, Naomi*) had great effect in preparing the gardens for the winter months.

If you missed the opportunity to take part this time or would like to know more about the gardens – including how to become a 'Friend' of Lydford Forest Gardens – please visit our website: [www.lydford-forest-gardens.com](http://www.lydford-forest-gardens.com)





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**October 2024 Services - At 10:30 am (unless noted otherwise)**

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**Morning Worship**

**Ken Young**

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October (3:00pm)**

**Harvest Festival**

**Rev Collin Moore**

**Our Harvest Festival Service** will be led by Rev Collin Moore on Sunday, 20th October at 3:00pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us at this special time. Please bring a gift if you would like. On *Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6:30pm* we follow with our traditional *Auction of Promises and a Ploughman's supper*. Please tell Celia (224601) or Alison (223656) if you would like to come – there is no charge for the evening!

### Holiday Club

August seems like a long time ago now, but we enjoyed a very successful 3 days of fun, activities and stories – some from the Bible and others from children who live in parts of the world where difficult weather conditions occur.

Many thanks to Rev Jane and her team for their input and enthusiasm! Anna helped the children to produce 'concertina books' which are being displayed at the St Mary Magdalene Church until Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, as part of the Somerset Art weeks. (See page 10) Do try and pop in for a look they are amazing!

**Talks:** Our September talk by John Sutton about his memories of Keinton in the 50's and 60's was very well received. Many thanks to John and Mark who created the slide show! **Dates for your diary:**

- Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November: Vyv Simpson,
- Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December: A *Christmas themed evening of music and songs* – Details Later!

### Tea @ 3

In September we had a busy afternoon with knitting, crochet, a jigsaw and colouring autumn leaves. Thank you everyone who came along to make it a fun time together! Our next tea@3 will be *Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October* when the theme will be *Harvest and Pumpkins*. Please come along and join in or just enjoy a cuppa and a chat. You will be made very welcome!

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**A light which shines in the darkness**

The custodial sentences imposed on many of those involved in the recent riots in communities across our country have highlighted, yet again, the issue of criminal justice and the pressures and strains within the prison system.

The seemingly ever-increasing size of the prison population; the appalling conditions within many of our older prisons, especially those in our inner cities; the almost total lack of provision for education and rehabilitation and an apparent unwillingness by those elected to Parliament to consider whether the whole of our justice system needs a radical overhaul have all resulted in much media comment.

But one part of the prison system which has not been mentioned is the invaluable role played by those who serve as Chaplains. Prison and restorative justice have been a constant thread almost throughout the whole of my life beginning with my first visit while still in my teens to what was then called a Borstal.

Since then, I've had the privilege of working with chaplaincy teams across the whole of the prison estate. I've witnessed at first hand the extraordinary work done those teams, lay and ordained, of all faiths, working together to witness to God's love in Christ and caring for all those in the prison system, both staff and prisoners. I've often said to those on the outside, if you want to know what true collaborative ministry looks like in practice, look no further than a chaplaincy team. While each member remains true to his or her particular faith, the barriers which often divide people of faith have no part in that shared work of witness and service.

Sadly, all too often, the work of Chaplaincies not just in prison but in all aspects of our human life, in education, hospital, mental health, care homes and many other places, is barely known – that is, until we need their care. But Chaplaincies are the yeast which leaven our society. The light which shines in the darkness. Society, as we long and pray for it to be, would be the poorer without them.

**Bishop Trevor Willmott**

**Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Bath and Wells**



**News in brief – October 2024**

**24-hour Wave of Prayer**

For 24 hours, a wave of prayer spread across the Diocese of Bath and Wells, as people came together to pray for the growth of church and the transformation of their communities. Events took place right across Somerset, from intimate prayer gatherings in homes and churches to outdoor events and online prayer walls.

The Archbishop of Canterbury joined the wave travelling from Bath to Wells, then on to Bridgwater, Nailsea and Frome. He met and prayed with young people, farmers in an agricultural market, he met church communities and shared in prayer with them, and he opened a newly created prayer space. Elsewhere churches held their own events as they came together in prayer with and for their communities.

**Highlighting the issues of modern slavery through art**

The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Mohammed Saddiq, is to open an art exhibition organised by *Hidden Voices Bridgwater at Taunton Minster on 18<sup>th</sup> October to mark Anti-Slavery Day*. The exhibition runs from 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**On 20<sup>th</sup> October Bishop Michael will speak at Evensong at the Minster.**

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