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Wheathill Benefice Worship - June 2025

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
1st June	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	_
Easter 7	Keinton Mandeville	Lydford on Fosse	
4th June	Wednesday, 03:00pm House Communion at Lydford		
8th June Pentecost	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion at Keinton Mandeville		
15th June	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	_
Trinity	Barton St David	Keinton Mandeville	
22nd June	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	4pm Faith'n Fur
Trinity 1	Lydford On Fosse	Barton St David	Bio Blitz
29th June St Peter	10:30 am Morning Prayer, Lydford on Fosse followed by BBQ		

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.

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!

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

Wednesday, 25th June at 2:30pm & Thursday, 24th July at 2:30pm



Come and join her there for tealcoffee and a chat

From the Registers

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of:

Michael David COLDWELL, who passed away on the 1st April 2025 aged 85. His funeral service and burial took place at Barton St David church on the 17th April, 2025



Dear All

This last weekend I spent 15 - 20 minutes sitting somewhat precariously and uncomfortably on the edge of our small pond watching newts (plain ordinary ones), water beetles, water boatmen, dragonflies and larvae of something in and around the water. Nothing was particularly rare, special or unusual but there was still much to see. It was totally mesmerising and wonderfully calming! The warm and sunny May means that some things have developed much more quickly and it has been warm enough to just sit and stare.

> The Psalmist looks up to the skies and says: How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! (Psalm 19:1) and

> When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places what are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3-4)

He (it almost certainly was a man) sees in the skies God's glory, and our own smallness alongside the heavens. When we stop and look at the minutiae of the insect and small animal world as well as the skies we can be similarly caught up in wonder at the world and in appreciation of its variety and beauty.

This month across the benefice, as well as our own gardens and communities there are two times that we can appreciate this: 15th June from 1:00pm - Keinton **Environment Group is holding an Open Gardens event**, details available nearer the time. Why not visit to see how some of us garden and maybe find some things that you do, or don't want to emulate!

22nd June at 4:00pm in Keinton Churchyard we're going to have a Bio Blitz, exploring the flora and fauna that is around us using some kits and apps to identify insects, birds, small animals etc.

Our holiday club is also going to involve 'wondering' and some scientific discovery, save the date is elsewhere in the magazine.

Maybe pausing to wonder and notice will help us to gain perspective on our lives, and it may also help to wonder about who God is and who we are in relationship to Him. Lets get 'wondering'

Save the date!! 19th - 21st July From 10:00am - 12:00 noon **Holiday Club** In the Methodist Chapel Community Room

Wondering about creation and science. Bible stories, craft, games, snacks and more All Primary School (including those about to start) age children welcome.



Save the date!!

27th July At 4:00pm **Teddy Bear Parachute from Keinton Tower**





Keinton Churchyard Backpack Blessings

Sunday, 31st August at 10:30am

Café style service, to look back at the summer, look forward to the new term and more Craft, prayer, worship and snacks.

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Further information next month!

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Sunday, 22 June 2025

4:00pm to 5:00pm

In Keinton Churchyard,

Come and count the animals, insects and plants we have in the churchyard. Free tea and cake provided!







** Donations Needed for our Coffee Morning ** Being held on Saturday, 7th June 2025

At 10:30am to 12:30pm

Location: 16 Lakeview Road, Keinton Mandeville TA11 6FF

Please if you have any:

Spare plants; Fiction paperback books; or are happy to bake a cake

Your contributions would be gratefully received.

Please email Debbie von Bergen on *debbievonbergen@icloud.com* for details as to where and when to drop them off.

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.

In addition to our usual variety of games we are hoping *that learning to play whist* will become more of a regular event. The first whist session which was held on March 19th was very popular and much enjoyed. Please keep an eye on the KM Facebook page nearer the time of our next session.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville. Dates are: on *Wednesdays, 18th June, 16th July, 13th August, 10th September and 15th October 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 Village Hall and Playing Field

Three members of the Hall committee are to retire at the Annual General Meeting in September:

Warren Lee after 10 years, six as Chairman; Joanne Wallwork after 14 years, six as Treasurer; and Andrew Jones, who was recruited five years ago to update our IT systems.

All leave with the grateful thanks of the remaining members of the committee.

Volunteer Trustees

The Committee welcome enquiries from prospective Volunteer Trustees, if you are interested in joining the hall committee please e-mail *kmvillagehall@gmail.com* to arrange a discussion on the duties and benefits of being a Trustee.

We are pleased to see the number of people of all ages enjoying use of the **Trim Trail** track around the field - walking, jogging and riding tricycles, scooters, skate boards and assorted buggies; some also make use of the Trail equipment.

As well as the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), included in the hall field are the Skate Park, Happy Tracks Play Area and the Picnic Area, all administered by the Parish Council, and the Community Copse maintained by the Environment Group. These areas are all dog-free.

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During the summer the choir will be meeting most weeks at the new rehearsal time of Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm in Kingweston Church, to prepare music for the monthly Benefice services.



If you have heard us, or would just like to join in, please don't hesitate to get in touch with: **Rachel Willcox** (*r.kaywillcox*@*amail.com*);

Claire Harding (betweenlanes@live.co.uk)

or Rev Jane Durham (rev.jane.durham@gmail.com)

If you wish to come and sing, we would be very glad to hear from you and new voices are always extremely welcome.

Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – June 2025

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 June – Sunday 8 th	Neil Bain	223314
Sunday 8 th June – Sunday 15 th	Sue Baker	223519
Sunday 15 th June – Sunday 22 nd	Judith Sherwood	223834
Sunday 22 nd June – Sunday 29 th	John Walker	223617

The Henry Livius Trust

The Livius Trust has two distinct aims: providing items, services and facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School; and advancing religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England in the Parish of Keinton Mandeville.

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Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417

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Keinton Mandeville Meet Up

(includes surrounding villages)



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

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

Where: Keinton Mandeville Village Hall TA11 6ES.

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

For further information contact: *jane.carers@outlook.com*.

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Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

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The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday, 3rd June in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. Public session will take place at 7.30pm at the beginning of the meeting.
All are welcome to attend. Kaye Elston, Clerk to Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Wildflower Plugs

This is almost the last call for anyone who wants to plant wildflower plugs – we still have plenty available and they're free! Please let us know *(contact details below)* and we can let you have some plugs – especially now it seems to have started raining again

We are pleased to say we had a good day on 17^{th} May with our "Talk and Walk" on the legacy of quarrying in Keinton's Landscape. The event raised over £250 which we will put towards environmental projects around the village. We also distributed some of our **Heritage Trail Guides**, but we have plenty left, so contact us for more copies.

Open Wildlife Gardens Event

On 15th June we have our Open Wildlife gardens event from 1:00pm to 5:00pm including an afternoon tea at one of the gardens on the tour. *Tickets are only available on the actual day and will be available from any of the gardens included.*

It won't matter in what order you follow the route.

From 4:00pm on Sunday, 22nd June, the Church PCC are organising a *"Bioblitz"* in the Churchvard.

3rd July – Still very much a *provisional* date for our guided hedgerow walk to be given by Julia Manning, to be followed by a print making workshop in Julia's studio

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**, **14**th **June at 7:30pm in the Quarry Inn.** Email: *info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk*

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

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.

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We would like to remind everyone that if you are a resident of our villages, do not drive or have your own transport, or you find public transport (if it is available) difficult to access, you may be eligible to use

Our Community Transport Scheme can be used for, but not necessarily restricted to, journeys up to 25 miles each way to:

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

If you would like to use our Community Transport scheme please call us – 48 hours in advance – and we will do what we can to help: **Contact**: **07799 487719**.

We are always interested in drivers who can 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. If you would like to help, please call our coordinator on the above number.



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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

(Services are listed on page 2)

V E Day Service

This took place round the War Memorial and was very well attended which far surpassed expectations. It was a very fitting tribute to mark the $80^{\rm th}$ Anniversary of V E Day and to remember those who served their country and the ones that lost their lives so that we can enjoy freedom.

House Communion

This will take place on **Wednesday**, **4**th **June at 3:00pm in the Parish Hall**, West Lydford. All from the Benefice are invited to attend the short Service of Holy Communion and then enjoy afternoon tea and a chat with friends.

Any problem with transport please contact Ralph Berry – 01963-240164 or 07530-296885.

Patronal Service followed by fundraising BBQ

These celebrations will take place on **Sunday 29th June**. There will be a Service of **Morning Prayer at 10:30am** where the Benefice Choir will be in attendance.

At approximately **11:45am** a BBQ will take place in the Churchyard. We would love to see as many of you as possible at both the Service and BBQ, though you are welcome to just attend the BBQ if you prefer. There will be a bar and also a raffle.

All donations will go towards the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard.

Welcome & POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 24th June in the Parish Hall from 10:30am to 12 midday

We are continuing our cafe on the fourth Tuesday of the month. There will be the usual coffee/tea (decaff available) and delicious homemade biscuits/cakes (gluten-free also available). Please come along, have a chat and perhaps take away a book or two.

There are no charges and everyone is welcome!

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. 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: 07977 260110

VE Day 80 - Lydford on Fosse

A massive thank you to everyone who made the VE Day commemorations and celebrations such a success.

The organisers, readers, land girls and choir did a fantastic job, but it would have been for nothing if we hadn't had the support from our communities.

So, thank you all. **VE Day 80 Committee**





Methodist Chapel, Keinton Mandeville Minister: Rev. Collin Moore

Email: collin.moore@methodist.org.uk Tel: 07895 892 740

June 2025 Services - At 10:30 am (unless noted otherwise)

Please Check Notice Board for Service Details

Sunday, 1st June Local Arrangement Details to follow Sunday, 15th June 3:00pm Holy Communion Rev Collin Moore

V E Day

A huge '**THANK YOU'** to the Knit and Natter ladies for their magnificent VE Day display at the Chapel. What a vert talented group... Bunting and crochet as well as knitted emblems and all SO colourful!

You must have spent such a lot of time both making and then displaying your work – Thank You again!

Helen's Marathon

Many congratulations to Helen who (in spite of an injury) completed the London Marathon, on a very hot Sunday in April. A super effort which also raised funds for **WHY (We Hear You)** a local charity.

Keinton Environment Group

On Saturday, May 17^{th} Trevor Ryder gave an illustrated talk at the Community Hall. The subject was quarrying in Keinton and the impact on the village, both in it's heritage and the landscape.

It was fascinating and informative talk by a very knowledgeable speaker – thank you, Trevor!

P.S. The Chapel itself was built on quarrying ground, hence the steps down to the hall! It was built in 1843 by local quarrymen in their own time and free of charge.

Community Hall

We offer a spacious room and kitchen area, as well as tables and comfortable chairs. If you would like to hire the hall for regular meetings, one off parties, or other events, please contact: **Alison Sutton 223656**.

Knit and Natter - VE Day 80 Anniversary Celebration

It was a great honour to be asked to decorate the outside of the Methodist Church to celebrate VE Day.



On a blowy Monday afternoon of the week of national celebrations, the Knit and Natter ladies put up their VE Day 80th Anniversary flag and banners.

Members of the group had been working on the display for a number of weeks. For those who crossed over the

road to have a closer look they

would have observed that several of the triangular pennants had knitted emblems to represent each of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom – a knitted red rose for England, a green shamrock for Northern Ireland, a green and purple thistle for Scotland and bright yellow daffodils for Wales. In addition, red and white knitted rosettes were attached to the black railings.

The most important part of the decorations was a yellow A4 laminated sheet listing the names of men from Keinton Mandeville who fought in both World Wars and who made the ultimate sacrifice. As a group we felt privileged to have been asked to provide the decorations for such an important national day of thanksgiving.



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Barton St David History Club

Our May meeting on the 80th Anniversary of VE Day began with some recollections of the event from George Balcombe who was four and a half years old at the time. He showed us a memento of a stained-glass shield made from pieces of glass from a bombed-out London church showing the letter "V" (for Victory) with its morse code equivalent above it.

This was followed by an excellent presentation by Bryn Hawkins who spent his life "From Boy to Man" as an engineer in the Somerset coalfields.

This was an appropriate subject reminding us of the importance of the reserved occupations which were so important in the war. He really brought the subject to life with many photographs and video clips and stories of his experiences.

Our final meeting in the Village Hall before the summer break will be:

Thursday, 5th June at 7:30pm

"The Man Who Never Was - Operation Mincemeat" Kevin Patience.

Admission: Members free, Non-members £3 cash please.

Barton St David Pre-School

The trustees applied to the Charity Commission to formally close the Pre-School after it's transfer to The Nest at Keinton Mandeville School.

Permission to close was given following the submission of fully audited accounts and the relevant paperwork.

Many thanks to the two Barton St David parents (you know who you are!) who around 50 years ago thought "we need a playgroup". This in turn became the Pre-school which was held at the village hall for many years.

Thank you to all the parents, staff, committee members and children who helped to make this such a happy and successful setting.

Very best wishes to Jen, Erica and Kathryn and of course, the children, for continued success at The Nest.

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Lydford and District Gardening Club



Words, just like Tiggers, are very wonderful things. Whether in written or spoken form they are a very effective way of conveying information, emotions, desires, dissatisfactions and much, much

more. Given that people have command of the same language, a small group of 2 or 3 squiggles on a piece of paper can let everyone know exactly what is being the subject of a situation. 'Dog' has only 3 characters and one of them is the fairly ubiquitous 'o', yet everyone who has knowledge of the 'English' tongue knows the animal which is being spoken about. Writers have spent centuries trying to find the perfect collection of words to best describe feelings and situations and the very greatest ones have achieved impressive things. However, whilst 'The cat sat on the mat' is fairly clear and straightforward, it does not indicate the type of cat involved, nor the nature of the mat and to get more information across to the listener or reader the sentence would have to be longer and involve some dreaded school things like adverbs and adjectives.

Consequently it may be fair to say that even the most talented writer or speaker may be unable to fully describe a situation or sensation to a third person in such a way that the full extent of the happening can be understood. Can words fully capture the joys of a perfect sunset? The colours which can amaze, the cloud formations which can astonish and the birdsong which can provide the perfect accompaniment! Can a pen capture the full range of emotions which are felt when a beloved football club manage to escape relegation or when a tricky long putt manages to grab enough of the hole edge to circle twice and finally sink for a match-winning birdie? Who has sufficient vocabulary and poise to recreate for a third person the range of sensations which are felt when a garden panorama achieves perfection for just a few brief moments before the slugs snails and pigeons do their dastardly work?

May Meeting

Therefore many column inches or even whole pages of this magazine could be filled in an attempt to do justice to the efforts of the speaker at the Gardening Club meeting on Tuesday, 13th May and yet they would not be enough. You simply had to be there! Just like the Bruce Springsteen performance at Glastonbury in 2009, there are insufficient words to capture the experience. Only by eating the first new potato of summer can the joys of that event be fully appreciated. Solely by drinking the first mouthful of a pint of 'Summer Lightning' after a long, hot day in the garden can the full nuances of that experience be internalised.

Amelia, the Arboriculturalist from Amesbury, amazed all with her knowledge and enthusiasm about trees. All sorts of trees from giant redwoods to more modest bonsais and everything in between. Her passion was obvious and contagious and she gave 90 minutes of invaluable advice. The written word cannot do justice to her effort and to attempt to cherry-pick a few highlights is akin to the efforts of a tourist to 'do' Staffordshire in just a few days. So much must be left out despite being of great value.

Amongst the trees mentioned as being of consideration for smaller gardens were the Cockspur Hawthorn, Japanese Apricot, Katsura, Chinese Dogwood, Amelanchier, Persian Ironwood and Acer Triflorum. However Amelia put huge emphasis on preparation before planting and care afterwards extending throughout the life of the tree. Staking, watering, feeding, mulching and pruning are all essential for a happy tree rather than just an existing tree.

June Meeting

'Flaming' June will be all about Roses and the speaker will be Mickey Little. The gathering will be *on Tuesday, 10th in the Parish Hall* and to get the full experience you simply have to be there!

Biscuits and flapjack can have their colour described and their texture given a verbose appraisal. The taste and flavour of such gems can be hinted at using terms such as savour, relish, tang smack and even more options from the Thesaurus such as bittersweet, fiery, fresh, fruity, honeyed, nutty, rich, robust, spicy, buttery, crispy, crumbly, delicate, flakey, gooey and succulent.

However, only by taking one or even two of these offerings can the true joy of the experience be tucked away in a treasure-chest of memories!





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Lydford Third Tuesday Group

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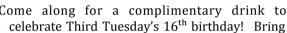
We enjoyed a trip to the "Owen Barry" factory in Street, for a talk and guided tour by the owner Cindi. The company has been producing high quality leather and sheepskin goods for over 75 years. The roots of the company date back to the 1800s when Walter and Amy Barry emigrated from Ireland and started their first tannery in Wiltshire. Owen Barry, their grandson, founded the factory in Street in 1948 and now Cindi manages the business with the help of her daughter Chas.

The tour was fascinating, giving us a chance to see every step of the manufacturing process and to handle the range of beautiful sheepskins and cowhides that they use. All of these are carefully sourced and are by-products of the food industry. Every piece they make is hand-cut and hand-made in Somerset and comes with a Lifetime Guarantee. Any off-cuts are repurposed and made into smaller products.

Cindi's talk was informative and very entertaining, so it was an added bonus to be presented with tea, coffee and some delicious cakes afterwards! All in all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon that we would thoroughly recommend to others.

Next Meeting (for members and women visitors)

Summer Picnic in Lydford Sports Field Thursday, June 19th 6:30pm onwards



a picnic & a chair to enjoy a relaxed evening of conversation in (hopefully) the summer sunshine.

Please bring along a photo of yourself aged 16 (or thereabouts!) There will be a "just for fun" competition with a small prize or two please see email to members for further details.

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

Lvdford on Fosse Parish Council

(clerk@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk)

The Parish Council usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Lydford Parish Hall at 7:00pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th May at 7:00pm.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting last month,

The following positions and portfolios were confirmed as follows:

Chairman - Cllr Frampton

Vice Chair - Cllr Seehra

Community Engagement - Cllr Seehra

Local Community Network - Cllr Purcell

Highways & Transportation - *Cllr Steel*

Finance & Budgets - Cllr Sloggett

Governance & Regulations - Cllr Frampton

Planning - *Cllr Frampton*

All this information can be found on the parish website at: lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk Unfortunately one of our councillors has had to step down due to work commitments, and therefore there will be a causal vacancy coming up.

VE Day Commemoration

A huge thank you to the VE Day Committee, and everyone else involved, in making the VE Day celebrations such a brilliant community event both in the morning and the evening. Well done everyone! A great turnout!

Ann Parkhouse, Parish Clerk, Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

Lydford Neighbourhood Watch

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Some useful advice from the Police to help prevent burglary –
Especially during the summer holidays!

- Ensure that all doors and windows are closed and properly locked use a key, don't just lift the door handle. Take the keys out of the door when it's locked and put them somewhere out of sight and reach, but make sure all the residents know where they are kept in case of emergency.
- 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.
- Don't forget to cancel any milk, newspaper, or regular delivery.

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Christ beside us in the joys and sorrows of life

One of the great gifts of the Church, and to the Church, is the way in which we are invited to share in the significant life events of our communities. As we share in baptisms, confirmations and weddings, there is a great opportunity for us to be a part of people's real lives in real ways.

A key moment in the Christian journey is the moment of Baptism John Chrysostom in the C4th said, 'When we immerse our head in water, just as if in a grave, the old man is buried, and having sunk down, is entirely hidden once for all; that, when we emerge, a new man arise again. Just as it is easy for us to be immersed and to emerge, so it is easy for God to bury the old man and raise up the new.'

For Christians baptism is important as it puts us in the place of Christ and we start a new way of life. We become part of Christ's body. Titus 3.5 describes baptism as 'the laver of regeneration'; it is an antitype of the Exodus (as we see in 1 Cor 10.1-2). It is us being born again from above (John 3.5). Above all, Baptism is the giving of the Spirit - which is the principle of the Christian Life.

It is our entire life, and indeed death, which are united in the death and resurrection of Christ. In Baptism we are united to God by adoption, having access to the divine life. And in Baptism we find ways of sustaining ourselves on the journey of life. As Lancelot Andrewes put it, 'By Him taught all our life long that we know not, put in mind of what we forget, stirred up in what we are dull, helped in our prayers, relieved in our infirmities, comforted in our heaviness'.

Toby Wright, Dean of Wells

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 polytunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us!

If you want to find out more please contact Ursula Casey at: *ursula@wilderwoods.org*. Booking is essential and spaces will be limited to keep the group small.

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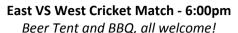
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Friday, 11th July 2025
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Saturday, 12th July 2025
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Stalls include Bric-a-Brac, Cake stall, Book stall and Produce stall.

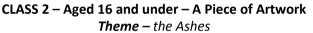
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If you are unable to bring items on the day or you have any items for our **Auction** please contact Nigel & Emma Lee **(01963) 240270** who will organise to pick them up.



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Theme – Sport

CLASS 5 – 11 to 16 – Four Decorated Fairy Cakes

CLASS 6 - All Ages - Cake

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

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