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THE RETURN OF THE FOSSEWAY ENTERTAINERS



After a hiatus of a couple of years, the Fosseway Entertainers – Lydford’s amateur dramatics group - will be returning to the stage this December with an action-packed ‘whodunnit ?’

If you would like to take part in this production, on the stage or behind the scenes, or just find out more about the group and what taking part might involve, please drop us a line at [frampjim@gmail.com](mailto:frampjim@gmail.com)



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Holiday Club  
In the Methodist Chapel  
Community Room



19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August From 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Wondering about creation and science.

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Teddy Bear Parachute

At Faith ’n Fun

In Keinton Mandeville Churchyard

on Sunday, 27th July at 4:00pm

All Welcome



Stepping up

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10:30am

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## Wheathill Benefice Worship – July/August 2025

| Date                        | 08:30 am  | 10:30 am (or as noted)   | Other Services                 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 5th July                    | Saturday, 4:00 pm Baptism at St Peter's, Lydford                    |  |                                |
| 6th July Trinity 3          | Holy Communion<br>Keinton   | Morning Prayer<br>Lydford on Fosse                                 | —                              |
| 13th July Trinity 4         | 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion, Lydford on Fosse                   |  |                                |
| 20th July Trinity 5         | Holy Communion<br>Barton St David                                   | Morning Prayer<br>Patronal at Keinton                              | 3:30pm Tea &<br>Talk, Lydford  |
| 27th July Trinity 6         | Holy communion<br>Lydford On Fosse                                  | Morning Prayer<br>Barton St David                                  | 4pm Keinton<br>Teddy Bear Drop |
| <b>2nd August</b>           | <b>Saturday, 12:00pm Baptism at Kingweston Church</b>               |  |                                |
| 3rd Aug. Trinity 7          | Holy Communion, Lydford On Fosse                                    |  |                                |
| 10th Aug. Trinity 8         | Holy Communion, Kingweston  |  |                                |
| <b>15th Aug.</b>            | <b>11:00am VJ Day Commemoration at Barton, Tea/Coffee in V.Hall</b> |  |                                |
| 17th Aug. Trinity 9         | Holy Communion, Keinton Mandeville                                  |  |                                |
| 24th Aug Trinity 10         | Holy Communion, Barton St David                                     |  |                                |
| <b>31st Aug. Trinity 11</b> | Holy Communion<br>Barton St David                                   | <b>All Age "Back to School" Celebration<br/>Keinton Mandeville</b> |                                |

### 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**

on  
**Thursday, 24th July at 2:30pm**

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



## VE and VJ 80

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the Second World War **VE Day** in May saw many commemorations across the nation, and a national remembrance lasting for several days.

**VJ Day on 15 August** is a much more subdued event, nationally there are plans for a service at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

The complexity around **VJ Day** includes the use of atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki along with the distance of the war in the Far East from our shores. After **VE day** residents of Europe felt safe and secure, so they celebrated then. But for those whose families were PoW or fighting in the Far East they felt forgotten.

So we remember with many mixed emotions, emotions that come to the fore in our current world, with battles, long distance drones and missiles and ongoing complexity and uncertainty as nations fight to be allowed to hold their land and live. Without doubt there are rights and wrongs in all fighting, and there are those who are trampled underfoot (*literally and figuratively*) and feel forgotten and overlooked.

**We are going to commemorate VJ Day in Barton St David at 11:00am on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, followed by Tea and Coffee in the Village Hall.**

We do, so aware of the Psalm which says:

*'The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter;*

*He utters his voice, the earth melts.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us,*

*The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Come, behold the works of the Lord:*

*See what desolations he has brought on the earth;*

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth:*

*He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;*

*He burns the shields with fire.*

*Be still and know that I am God!*

*I am exalted among the nations*

*I am exalted in the earth.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us:*

*The God of Jacob is our refuge"*

**(Psalm 46:6-11)**

War is complex, remembering is complex. We are called to remember those who gave their lives so that we might live, those whose lives were and are permanently affected by their military service, those who are still serving in the military, and civilians caught up in the wars in their nations.

As we remember let us look to God who reminds us that he is with us, our refuge and the one who can bring peace even in the midst of war.

With ongoing prayers for peace and hope.

Jane

### 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.

The Trustees are open to any proposals that accord with the Trust's aims.

**Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417**

Deborah Whittingham (01458) 224057

Belinda Simson (01458) 223470

### Knit & Natter

We meet on Mondays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Keinton Methodist Church Room, contact Emma Stevens on 01458 223344.

New members are always welcome so come along for tea, chat and lots of laughter - oh and a fair bit of knitting too!

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## Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

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

**Traffic Survey and Next Steps** – The parish council has now communicated with Highways from Somerset Council and a recommendation has been made in terms of a 20mph speed zone in the village. Details of the zone are available on the noticeboard and the parish council website. Please can we request that any questions or concerns are raised with the parish council in the first instance.

**Maintenance of footpaths** – The paths were cut back in April and this will be repeated again in July. Hopefully walking around the parish will now be easier.

**Happy Tracks Play Area** – We hope the area brings enjoyment to the children and young people in the village. Please can we ask if you are aware of any concerns about the equipment, this is reported direct to the parish council so that we can put the necessary repairs in place and where appropriate use existing warranties.  
**Kaye Elston, Clerk to Keinton Mandeville Parish Council**

## Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

On 15<sup>th</sup> June we held our Open Wildlife Gardens event. Six gardens were on show and we are pleased to be able to say the weather behaved itself. The gardens were well attended and *the event raised over £300* which will be spent on further environmental projects around the village.

There are more events to come – 22<sup>nd</sup> June here will be a “Bioblitz” in the Churchyard from 4:00m.

### Note: we'll post on social media if any dates change

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July (still very much a provisional date) there will be our guided hedgerow led by Julia Manning. This will be followed by a print making workshop in Julia's studio.

In September we will be repeating *Trevor Ryder's Talk and Walk on the Quarrying Heritage in Keinton* at 2.00 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Methodist Chapel Community Hall. Plenty of people said they missed the original and would welcome a second opportunity – so hopefully this will be as well attended as the first edition. *Adam North will be giving a talk on Farming and Environment on 27<sup>th</sup> September (details to be confirmed).*

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 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall** – please note this is a change of day and venue from our usual meetings. There is no meeting in August.

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

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

## 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 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 KM 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 July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 & Claire Harding*





## Wheathill Benefice Choir

*"Choral music is not one of life's frills. It's something that goes to the very heart of our humanity, our sense of community, and our souls."*

- John Rutter

July and August are traditionally quieter months for the Benefice Choir. Having given their voices a rest over the summer, members will look forward to meeting up again at the beginning of September, to review music made in the last year, to hear about new music and, hopefully, meet new choir members at the rehearsal time of *Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm in Kingweston Church.*

If you would just like to join in, please don't hesitate to get in touch with:

**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))

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 Big Breakfast \*\***

*A date for your diary. Don't forget!*

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 09:00am**

**In Keinton Mandeville Village Hall**

The funds it raises 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.

*We are serving breakfasts from 09:00am to 1:00pm*

*and cream teas from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.*

If you are part of a local organisation and would like support from the funds we raise for a particular project, to buy equipment, a special activity or anything else please contact the committee on [keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com)

Many more details will be in the next issue of the Parish Magazine and on Social Media. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Committee**

**Date for Your Diaries !!**

## **SATURDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, KEINTON MANDEVILLE SHANTY NIGHT**



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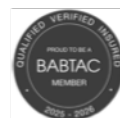
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## Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – July & August 2025

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 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July | Sandra & Chris Weigh | 224696      |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Anthea Walton        | 223500      |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>     | Joanne Wallwork      | 07757704221 |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>     | Roger Locke          | 224287      |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug. | Neill Thomas         | 224696      |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>       | Helen & Tony Gosney  | 224192      |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>      | Larry Henessy        | 07777680088 |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>      | Jo & Chris Tripp     | 223684      |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>      | Neil Bain            | 223314      |



## 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).

## \*\* Keinton Mandeville Coffee Morning Update \*\*

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Coffee Morning on 7<sup>th</sup> June in aid of **Keinton Mandeville's Church Sustainable Heating Fund**.

We are delighted to tell you that *we raised £1,800 on the day* plus some very *generous donations* has taken the fund to just over £3,000. The church receives no government monies and has to raise all its funds from our community and grant funders. **Thank you for supporting your local church** – we've been serving the Parish of Keinton since 1317!

## 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. Due to a kind donation from the Keinton Mandeville Parochial Church Council:

*We are again able to offer FREE transport for Covid and Flu vaccination appointments.* If you reside in our villages, do not have your own transport and would like us to take and return you from your vaccination appointment, please call our scheme coordinator on **07799 487719** to make arrangements. We will provide free transport to one of the local vaccination centres (*within 10 miles*) or to your GP. 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 the scheme.

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.



## Lydford 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, 9<sup>th</sup> July, at 7:00pm*. Please note there is no meeting in August.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy** – There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to join our energetic and proactive Parish Council to help resolve short and long term issues for our community - such as flood risk reduction or shaping the local development plan for the Parish for the next 20+ years - please contact the Clerk for more information.

**The future of the Playground** – As many parishioners will know, the playground is located on the Sports Ground in West Lydford. It is now quite old and, although inspected annually by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (*RoSPA*) to make sure it is safe, it is obvious the current equipment is reaching the end of its life. Also, the current provision is designed for use by smaller children.

Anticipating the need to remove/replace the current equipment in the next few years, the Parish Council is keen to get the views of interested Parishioners on how we should proceed. E.G. do you feel that we should be bold and offer a wider range of facilities suited to a broader age range; should we replace the current equipment like-for-like; or should the current playground be removed and not replaced.

The Parish Council will be looking for opportunities to canvas parishioners' opinions about the Playground's future over the next 3-4 months. To share your feelings or suggestions on the future of the playground, please email to [jim.frampton@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk](mailto:jim.frampton@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk) with the subject: 'Playground'.

**Flood Response Planning** – Lydford on Fosse residents have experienced unanticipated flooding on 3 occasions in the last 18 months; the Met Office have advised that due to Climate Change, incidents of very localised, very heavy rain are likely to become more common in the future. The Parish Council has therefore formed **A Flood Risk Management Working Group (FRM WG)** to improve our options for managing the risk of flooding locally. The Working Group has identified a 4-step approach which it is now starting to work through:

1. Develop an **'Emergency Response Plan'** outlining the steps that we can take as a community to quickly respond to the risk of flooding, and to reduce the damage done by any damage that does occur.
2. Acquire equipment that can help the Parish to respond when flood risk rises.
3. Establish a means of regularly monitoring and, if necessary, clearing blocked parts of the Parish's drainage network, such as drains, gullies, ditches and rhynes.
4. Working with landowners/public bodies to find long term opportunities to reduce the risk of flooding, such as encouraging farming methods that avoid soil compaction which can contribute to flash flooding through surface water run-off.

An important element of the **Flood Emergency Response Plan** will be an annex to identify who in the Parish is willing to assist and/or to lend equipment in the event of flooding or a major flood risk being identified. The FRM WG is therefore keen to hear from you if you would be available to assist in the event of a heightened flood risk and/or you would be prepared to lend the following items:

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This list is not exhaustive, if you have other items that you think may be useful and are willing to make them available, please get in touch. Be assured that you are not committing yourself by offering to help – we understand that circumstances may prevent this on the day. But having a list of who to ask straight away, we will save valuable time even if not everyone can.



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**St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse** (Services listed on page 2)  
**During the next two months the following will take place:-**

**Patronal Festival – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – There will be a Service of Morning Prayer at 10:30am *followed by a fundraising BBQ in the churchyard from 11:45am* with food, bar and raffle. This BBQ is open to all villagers – so, if you are not at the Glastonbury Festival, do come along to meet friends and spend an enjoyable lunch.

**Lydford Gala, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2:15am**  
The Church will again be supporting the Gala *with the Water into Wine Stall*. We look forward to meeting old and new friends at this fundraising afternoon.  
Money raised will be put towards the Church Fabric Fund and the Sports Club.

**Tea and Talk on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm in The Parish Hall**  
The Speaker will be Andrew Paget MBE. Andrew pastors a multi-ethnic city church close to the scene of two recent stabbings. He served for 28 years as a Police Chaplain – 23 of these as Senior Force Chaplin to the Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Andrew also served as Co-ordinator of the Faith Communities Major Emergency Plan, which is a multi-faith response to major incidents in the Avon and Somerset Area.

Andrew retired from the lead police role on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and then returned on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 as a volunteer Chaplin Supporting Specialist for Road Policing, Dog Handling, Fire Arms Unit, National Police Air Service at Almondsbury on the outskirts of Bristol.

The Talk will be very interesting, going behind the scenes of police work and how faith helps relieve problems in many difficult circumstances. We hope you will be able to attend and hear from Andrew about the vital work that goes on 'behind the scenes'. Tea and cake will be provided.

**House Communion on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.00p.m in The Parish Hall**  
All from the Benefice are welcome to attend the short Holy Communion Service, followed by tea and cake with time for a chat. House Communion is becoming very popular with friends coming from over the Benefice as well as Castle Cary.  
*Anyone needing help with transport please call Ralph Berry on (01963) 240164.*

**Church Car Park**  
By the time you receive this magazine, I hope the improvement works to the car park will be completed.

*On behalf of the PCC and those on the Car Park/ War Memorial committee*  
*I should to thank all those who donated towards the cost of this work –*  
and trust it will help protect the War Memorial, whilst also tidying up the area and giving more room for manoeuvring in the car park.

Also thanks to Jonnie Long for helping with the practical aspects of the work and implementing them.

**Save the dates**

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Benefice Shanty Night in Keinton Mandeville Hall.*

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Lydford Harvest Dinner – more details in September Magazine.*

**To all who have read the above we wish you happy summer months.**

**Welcome & POPin Cafe**  
**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 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 good coffee/tea (decaff available) and tasty homemade biscuits/cakes (gluten-free also available). Everyone is welcome so please come along, have a chat and maybe take away a book or two.

Please note we will be having a break in August but will return in September.  
*On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity*



**Methodist Chapel, Keinton Mandeville**

**Minister: Rev. Collin Moore**

**Email: [collin.moore@methodist.org.uk](mailto:collin.moore@methodist.org.uk) Tel: 07895 892 740**

**July/August 2025 Services - At 10:30 am (unless noted otherwise)**

*Please Check Notice Board for Service Details*

|                                     |                              |                         |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>Morning Worship</b>       | <b>Barry Speddings</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>3:00pm Holy Communion</b> | <b>Rev Collin Moore</b> |
| <b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug.</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b>        | <b>Rev Collin Moore</b> |
| <b>Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b> | <b>Morning Worship</b>       | <b>Jacqui Cobb</b>      |

**Holiday Club**

Holiday Club will be held in the Community Hall on August 19<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am til 12:00noon.

**The theme this year is "Wonder Zone"**

There will be crafts, games, snacks and stories. All children of Primary School age, including those starting in September 2025, will be VERY WELCOME!!

Please come along on the day, sign your child in, and then parents can leave.

**\*\* A Note from K.E.G. - Keinton Environment Group \*\***

K.E.G. will be repeating Trevor Ryder's *Talk and Walk on the Quarrying Heritage* at **2:00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Methodist Chapel Community Hall.**

Plenty of people said they missed the original and would welcome a second opportunity – so hopefully this will be as well attended as the first edition

**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.**

**Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Summer**



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**My contact details are:**

**Phone: 01963 240435 or 07484 612828 Email: [annefleming1@btinternet.com](mailto:annefleming1@btinternet.com)**

*Anne Fleming*



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## Barton St David History Club

At our June meeting a record attendance of around 70 people enjoyed a fascinating presentation about *"The Man Who Never Was - Operation Mincemeat"*. Our speaker Kevin Patience explained in great detail and with excellent illustrations, the meticulous preparation which went into the deception which led to the Germans spreading their defences more thinly in southern Europe in World War II. This allowed the Allied Forces' successful invasion of Sicily and Italy.

Many of us attended the Members' Garden Party in the beautiful gardens of Barton Manor House when we were fortunate that a morning and early afternoon's downpours relented and transformed into warm sunshine as the party got underway!

We will have a presence at Barton Carnival on *Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July* so please drop in and say hello!

### Our next meetings in Barton Village Hall

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7:30pm – Ashley Jones**

*"Uncle Bill : Britain's Forgotten Hero - Field Marshall William Slim".*

Members Free, Non-Members £3

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7:30pm – The Robinson Memorial Lecture:**

*Sally Smith "Magnificent Women and Flying Machines".*

Members Free, Non-Members £5



## Barton St David Scout Group

### Summer Update

As we come to the end of the summer term we reflect on the exceptional year that has been experienced by all our members (*ranging from 6 years to those team members who can't remember how old they are!*). We have done so many activities it is impossible to list them all here.

But would you expect to read that we have our own bees and the Beavers extracted the honey from our hives this week?

You may be less surprised to read that we have been to camps, box car racing in Sussex, Monopoly Run in London, Expeditions in Gloucestershire and camps in Wiltshire.

We have done many activities on, in and under water (*some of underwater activities may have been unintentional*).

We've been underground, on the ice and basically if there's something exciting and challenging around we are trying it or about to try it.

### Spaces and Waiting lists

Some of our sections have a few spaces and some are full but we do have a waiting list and this moves quickly. We would welcome new youngsters but we would also welcome new adult helpers.

### Volunteering Experience

The Scout Association now has a much easier volunteering experience where people can help flexibly and are not tied to every week, where the compulsory training is reduced to the real essentials and is available by easy online courses.

We have a group of amazing volunteers but without new support our group may eventually become a distant memory. Please don't let that happen.

If you'd like your child to join or find out more about how you might be able to help please email me on [glsbarton@yahoo.com](mailto:glsbarton@yahoo.com) and I will do everything I can do to welcome new members to our amazing Scout Group.

**Vega Sturgess, Group Lead Volunteer**

**Barton St David Scout Group**

[glsbarton@yahoo.com](mailto:glsbarton@yahoo.com)

(See more Scouts in action on Page 15)



## Lydford and District Gardening Club

A very long time ago, back in the days 'when Noah was a lad', a pedagogical paragon declaimed some very useful words of great wisdom.

'When writing an essay', he said, 'start with an introduction which sets out what you are going to say in your piece of work. In the main part of the essay you should then say what you want to say and finally, in the conclusion, you should then say what you have said.'

This three part recipe for academic writing appeared to provide a vital frame-work for all subjects and it did good service on many topics as varied as 'The causes of the First World War', 'The importance of 'The Frontier' in defining the character of the modern United States of America' and 'Describe the main features of a glaciated upland landscape'.

It is plausible to suggest that a similar approach should be adopted when preparing to make a speech to a group of keen horticulturists. Tell the assembled green-fingered people what they are going to hear; give them about one hour's worth of information, tips and advice and then spend a few minutes in recapping what has just been said! This structure might be a bit too staid and formulaic for some people's tastes but by and large it would tick quite a few boxes and the lanes of Somerset would be filled with satisfied and informed people, wending their way home from the Brue-side, Parish Hall venue and reflecting on what they had just heard.

Mickey Little has no such truck with archaic ideas of form. He obviously never had a strict, Welsh history teacher or if he did, then he has spent his whole life trying to ignore the dictates of such a martinet and break free from the restrictions suggested by any Celtic tyrant.

**On June 10th** his topic was roses and his audience was the Lydford and District Gardening Club. The Parish Hall was packed and the door was open to allow some of the perfect summer's evening to come inside. Mr. Little's approach was based on the scattershot formula and it provided an entertaining and informative evening as members enjoyed a few, brief hours away from the pressures of maintaining their plots. The talk contained history, literature, planting advice, pruning advice and lots more. Who knew that the thorns on a rose stem are essentially devices to allow the plants to climb? Many photographs were shown to provide evidence as to the effectiveness of this adaptation and inspired planting of ramblers and climbers may soon occur throughout the local area.

Pruning was de-mystified and outward-facing buds, or their absence, no longer have such a large role in the nightmares of otherwise calm and content members of society. The largest intake of breath came when he suggested that it was reasonable to spend £90 on a pair of secateurs! For that much money most members would expect the articles to be gold-plated and to come with a lifetime membership of the R.H.S!

**On Tuesday July 8th** the Club will reconvene in the minutes leading up to 19:00hrs and the speaker will be Sally Nex. She has been before and was very entertaining, extremely informative and quite structured. Her topic will be along the lines of what to do with any glut of gardening produce.

Perhaps her talk might also include a few ideas on how such excesses can be avoided. Successional sowing is often talked about in this context but is quite a tricky thing to master, especially when some seeds fail to germinate at all and the term 'sparingly', when used to refer to the density of dropping the little things, is impossible to define on any accurate basis.

**And then we come to August** – This is the month when almost all the population of the Lydfords, Keinton Mandeville and Barton St. David go to their yachts moored in the more salubrious areas of the Mediterranean. Why bother planning a gathering when it would interrupt a lot of relaxed cruising along the remote coastlines of the Balearics? *Consequently there is no meeting in August.*

## Barbecue

However the start of the school year will be celebrated on the 9th September with a barbecue and plant and produce swap.

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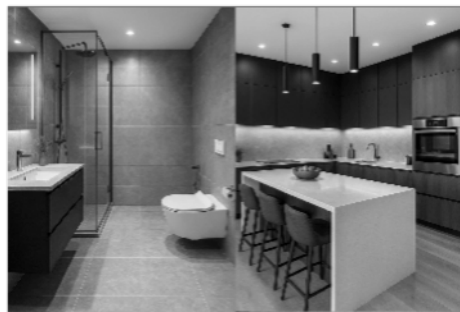
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## Lydford Third Tuesday Group

**May:** We enjoyed a talk by Laura Batt (*ably assisted by her husband John*) on the subject of "Hedgehog Awareness". Laura has been a volunteer for many years at Prickles Hedgehog Rescue in Cheddar, a charity that rescues injured, underweight and orphaned hedgehogs

The animals are fed, treated, rehabilitated and then released to a safe environment. Laura and John are both passionate about the welfare and survival of hedgehogs and, over the years, have raised £14000 for various hedgehog charities.

Laura explained that hedgehog numbers in the UK have fallen dramatically from about 30 million in the 1950's to about 1 million today. They are now on the "red list" of threatened species (*published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature*). Reasons for their decline include loss of habitat due to changing farming practices, use of pesticides and poisons, busier roads and expansion of land for housing.

Laura's talk was full of good advice that we can all follow to help their survival e.g. checking garages and sheds to avoid shutting a hedgehog in; checking bonfires before lighting them; providing escape routes from ponds; making a small hole in fences to create a 'hedgehog highway' between gardens; using slug pellets sparingly (*or not at all*); taking care when strimming, mowing and turning over compost heaps.

The message that Laura and John wanted us to take away was that these simple measures only take 5 minutes of our time, but can mean life not death for a hedgehog!

## Future Meetings:

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am - Outing to Kilver Court.** Meet for coffee/tea, cakes or brunch, followed by an optional walk around the gardens. Further details to be sent out in email to members.

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm.** Meet for an evening of fun in the Parish Hall with a game of Chronology and the usual chat with friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

*Women Visitors from Lydford and surrounding villages are welcome to ALL our events usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated).*

For details of this year's programme or more information, please take a look at our website:

<https://thirdduesday.wixsite.com/thirdduesday>  
or contact us at [lydfordthirdduesday@gmail.com](mailto:lydfordthirdduesday@gmail.com)

**Ann Parkhouse, Parish Clerk, Lydford on Fosse Parish Council**

## Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

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

The Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Project welcomes people who are keen to get outdoors, learn new skills, share their skills or just have the opportunity to spend some time in a peaceful environment. Our main emphasis is on horticulture and rural craft activities which take place in our large vegetable, fruit and flower growing area.

Maybe you need an excuse to get out of the house or you just want to dip your toe into being around other people again. Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day.

We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way. With two covered open sided sheltered areas and a large poly-tunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us!

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### Street Contacts

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**Lydford on Fosse - Cary Road – Lali Seehra 07530 121515**

**East Lydford - Church Lane (A37 side) – Ian Poynter 01963 240424**

**Church Lane (Castle Cary side) Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092**

### West Lydford

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**North of the Brue – Linda Foote 01963 240336**

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**King o' Mill – Maggi Hollands 07816 445597**

**Village Contact – Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092 [lydfordnhw@gmail.com](mailto:lydfordnhw@gmail.com)**

### Beware of phishing texts and emails

Fraud Protect Officers from Avon and Somerset Police want to make people aware of phishing texts and emails. Fraudsters can pretend to be anyone over text or email, and they are often influenced by current affairs, such as Covid and the cost of living crisis.

Here are some text message examples below where we have removed the links, but these could also come through via email.

**Amazon – We detected a login from a new device on 16/06/2025 at 10:15am**  
**If this wasn't you please follow the link .....**

**Royal Mail – Your package is waiting for delivery. Please confirm settlement of £1.99 on the following link .....**

When the victim follows the link, they will be asked for personal details such as bank/card information and passwords.

**However, just clicking on the link alone can result in malicious spyware or viruses being downloaded onto the victim's device.**

Unfortunately, there is often a secondary part to these phishing texts, which is particularly sophisticated –

It is known as **“transfer into a safe account” fraud**. The victim, maybe even a few days later, might be contacted by a fraudster, purporting to be from their bank. The fraudster will know who they bank with, along with other personal details, from the information harvested from the phishing text. They will claim that there has been fraud on their account and their funds are at risk, often referring to the phishing text.

The victim, remembering the recent phishing text, is often convinced by the fraudster, feeling panicked by the thought of their funds being at risk. The fraudster explains that, to protect their funds, they need to transfer them into a **“safe account”**. **The bank details provided simply belong to the fraudster.**

### Remember: –

- Stop and think before responding to any email or text message
- Don't click on links unless you can verify where they came from
- Never provide information to anyone who contacts you out of the blue – take time to verify their credentials through a trusted source
- Just because a text or email purports to be from a government agency or organisation doesn't mean it is
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# BARTON ST DAVID Carnival

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**from 1:00pm to late**

This will feature the usual attractions such as the Fancy Dress; Villages Races; Castle and Wipeout; miniature Steam Engine rides; Magic Show; the Dog show with numerous categories and various fairground attractions and games. And much else besides... including a hot air balloon early evening (*subject to weather*).

## Pre-Carnival Competition

Participants are invited to decorate on pre-cut plywood a **PONY**, and display it in a visible location outside their house a week before the Carnival so it can be judged for a prize on the day.

The PONY should be moved to the Carnival field early on the day in time for the prize-giving at 1:30 pm.

If interested email us at [bsdcarnivall@yahoo.com](mailto:bsdcarnivall@yahoo.com)

## Fancy Dress

In a similar fashion, **All Ages** are invited to dress up on a **Farming Theme** to be judged for a prize at **1:15 pm**.

## Picture Exhibition

Have you drawn, painted or taken an artistic picture over the last year – if so there will be an opportunity to display your work to the public. Any questions please email us at [bsdcarnivall@yahoo.com](mailto:bsdcarnivall@yahoo.com).

## Vehicles of Interest

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

## Sheep Racing and Village Races

Following the success of the sheep racing last year it's going to be bigger and better this year! And of course the ever popular traditional village family races will take place.

## Catering

Available all day **from 1:00pm onwards** – to include such delights as *Benny's Fish & Chips' Burgers, Hotdogs, Veggie and Gluten free options, AND a Hog Roast by Home Farm, Kingweston.* In addition, there will be traditional *Tea and Cake in the Village Hall*, an ice cream van - Cooper Jai's Ices - and ploughman's available in **the Pimms and Cider Tent**. Also Pizzas from **The Piccolo Box**.

## Bar

Open all day (*1:00pm to late*)

Serving a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

## Music

Somerton Wind Band,

Hayley Ann James and the headline act – **New Midrod Ends**,

**Plus The Barton Inn acoustic tent/set.**

## Raffle

£1 a ticket – top prizes include four tickets for **'Night at the Abbey'** (*see [glastonburyabbey.com](http://glastonburyabbey.com)*), a bottle of Glastonbury Gin, Steak Dinner for two at the Barton Inn and more.

**Stalls** – To include Bottles, Plants, Books, White Elephant, Local History etc.

## Makers Corner

Bees, Walking Sticks and others to be confirmed.

**Card machines available, but Cash preferred**



**Michael Beasley,  
Bishop of Bath and Wells**



### Listening to Young People

Later this month I shall be joining young people from around our diocese on a visit to the Taizé community in France.

Taizé offers the opportunity to take a step back from daily life, meet people from around the world, join in a week of prayer, worship and Bible teaching, and reflect on our life of faith. In churches we often speak about God. To visit Taizé is to have a big encounter with God.

This will be the third time I have helped lead a Bath and Wells group on this pilgrimage. Some of our young people will be making a return visit, others attending for the first time. I am looking forward to seeing all they gain from the experience and to simply spending time listening to them and all they have to say.

The opportunity to spend an extended time listening to young people is an utter privilege. While more young people are showing an interest in faith, the Church of England is undeniably still dominated by the older generations. Whenever I can, I value immensely the chance to listen to young people – of their hopes and dreams, their fears and perspectives, their insights and understanding. Such listening is essential if young people are to be fully part of the life of our Church. It's vital if we are to continue to see the shoots of growth that are happening across our diocese and the wider church.

We're pursuing this challenge of listening to young people in lots of different ways. It doesn't just happen at Taizé! Our Young Leaders Hub is one arena. Elsewhere we are looking at how young people can play their full part within the life of our diocesan decision-making bodies and in the national church too. I urge you to do the same where you are.

'Nothing about us without us' is a challenge that's sometimes extended when discussing how young people can participate fully wherever they find themselves. What an aim and a prize this would be for us all to pursue.

**Michael Beasley,  
Bishop of Bath and Wells**



### Barton St David Scout Group

**Barton St David Scout Group are running the refreshments and cake stall at the Barton Carnival on 19th July, 1:00pm-5pm.**

Everyone from our villages who visits the Barton Carnival will know that volunteers have run the teas in the village hall brilliantly for many years. Thanks go to all who have helped before. This year, your local Scout Group has offered to run this and we very much hope to see you there so that you can support us and your local community. The pop up shop Barton Tea Rooms will run from 1:00pm and will sell both whole cakes to take home and sandwiches, savoury snacks, cakes, cream teas and more. Even better we will be serving really good tea/coffee and squashes as well.

Previous volunteers have told me that local people are very generous and donations of cakes and more may arrive on the day. We would be so appreciative if you would consider donating a cake, a plate of scones or a tray bake. If possible, if you could let us know the content ingredients you have used for those who need to avoid certain ingredients it would be wonderful. For the non-bakers amongst us we would be delighted to receive a pack of ham, cheese, butter, strawberry jam, clotted cream, a pack of ground coffee or tea bags or a bottle of squash.

If you are able to donate something, it would be hugely appreciated if you would be able to let me know via email – [glsbarton@yahoo.com](mailto:glsbarton@yahoo.com). This means that we won't go out and waste money on buying duplicates on the days before the Carnival. We can arrange drop off points in Barton, Keinton and Butleigh. Once again, many thanks for your support and looking forward to seeing you there.

**Vega Sturges, Group Lead Volunteer,  
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## Lydford Sports Club Gala Weekend

**Friday, 11th July 2025**

**Junior Cricket Match – 4:00pm**

**East VS West Cricket Match - 6:00pm**

*Beer Tent and BBQ, all welcome!*

**Saturday, 12th July 2025**

**Official Opening at 2:15 pm**

**BBQ   Teas   Entertainment   Races   Competitions   Raffle**  
**Stalls   Beer Tent   Bric-a-Brac   Birds of Prey**

*Plus much more*

If you have any donations for our stalls *please bring them down  
to the Sports Field on the morning of the 12th July.*

Stalls include Bric-a-Brac, Cake stall, Book stall and Produce stall.

And don't forget items for the **Auction!**

**To be held at the Cross Keys on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

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.



## GALA COMPETITIONS

**Saturday, 12th July 2025**

**CLASS 1 – Aged 6 and under – Vegetable Animal**

**CLASS 2 – Aged 16 and under – A Piece of Artwork**

*Theme – the Ashes*

**CLASS 3 – Over 16 – Photography (printed & not digitally enhanced)**

*Theme – Sunset or Sunrise*

**CLASS 4 – Aged 10 and under – Lego Model**

*Theme – Sport*

**CLASS 5 – 11 to 16 – Four Decorated Fairy Cakes**

**CLASS 6 – All Ages – Cake**

*Homemade & inspired by Winter Sports*

**CLASS 7 – All Ages – Single Stem Specimen Flower**

*From the Garden or Allotment*

**CLASS 8 – All Ages – Vase of Mixed Flowers**

*From the Garden or Allotment*

*The competitions are free to enter.*

*Please bring your entries to the Sports Field  
on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July between 11:00 am and noon.*



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