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Grill a Vicar – Coffee & Chat

Do you have questions for clergy ?

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Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
7th Sep Trinity 12	Holy Communion Keinton	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	—
14th Sep Trinity 13	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion, Barton St David Followed by Lunch (see details Page 14)		
21st Sep Trinity 14	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Patronal at Keinton	12:15pm Baptism KM 3:30pm Tea & Talk, Lydford
28th Sep Trinity 15	Holy communion Lydford On Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	4pm Keinton Faith'n Fun
1st Oct	House Communion at 3:00pm in Lydford Parish Hall		

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!

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

From the Registers

We welcome into the Lord's family:

Octavia Beatrice Florence SYMONDS daughter of Mark and Lydia Symonds who was baptised on Saturday, 5th July 2025 at St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse.

Robyn Judy LOWTHER daughter of Rory and Rebecca Lowther who was baptised on Saturday, 2nd August 2025 at All Saints Church, Kingweston.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Mrs Ann DUCKWORTH of East Lydford, who passed away at home on the Friday, 11th July 2025 aged 84 years. Her funeral took place on the 13th, August 2025 at Mendip Crematorium which was followed by a service of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton Mandeville.



What does God do when I pray?

I suspect that most of us are finding the current stalemate in the situation in Gaza and Ukraine (the peace talks are just happening as I write) challenging, and they may cause you to wonder how there can be a God when *'nothing appears to be happening and so many people are suffering'*. I admit to admitting that I struggle with this too, and to not having a complete answer.

However, something that I have found useful is a book written in 2015 by the Rev'd Dr David Wilkinson, a scientist and theologian, *'When I pray what does God do?'* which looks at this topic, particularly science and faith (the subject of this year's holiday club!)

Sometimes we think of prayer purely as asking God to intervene in a situation, be it an international one or a local one and we're frustrated when the answer isn't:

- a) immediate
- b) what we were looking for.

Maybe in these circumstance the first thing to ask ourselves is do we know the God to whom we are praying, and do we thank him when things go right? Do we stop and admire the wonder of the world around us and thank for that? Do we admit to our own mistakes and wrongdoing? When we do that, we become more aware of who God is, and maybe more willing to watch and wait for his answer.

Another part of this challenge is our humanity. Most of us can probably think of something for which we've needed to apologise in the past few days. I'm constantly failing to do things I should have done and doing things that I should not have done. God is not a God who *'forces'* himself into our lives. We have freedom and free will, which means that we can refuse to follow his love and call and do our own thing, go our own way. If that is true for us as individuals it is also true for nations and leaders of nations. Peace needs to come because people want it, not as a requirement, because that will not be a lasting peace.

Sometimes we don't recognise the answers, they may be yes, or no, or not yet, and as we continue to pray we recognise what it is that we're looking for. When we're praying for international situations sometimes all we can do is to ask that the God of Love would intervene, to bring relief, peace, hope and life. We may not see the answers but who knows what will happen in the lives of individuals caught up in war or natural disaster.

It is a challenge, and challenging to keep on going and keep on praying in these situations. But maybe if we get to know God better and move away from a *'slot machine'* image, whereby we put prayer in and out comes the answer we want, then we can become more able to live with the contradictions and challenges and to walk with Him into the complex world in which we live.

If you'd like to talk about this, or anything else then why not come to *'Grill a Vicar'*, this month on 17th Sept at 2:30pm at Newlands Farm. The coffee/tea is on me!

Best wishes,
Jane

Forthcoming events and dates for your diary

Looking ahead to the Autumn – have you wondered about helping out with reading or prayers, or setting up church?

We need some more volunteers to help read, lead us in prayer and set up the churches. We will hold three evenings to think about what is involved in each of these. If you already pray/read or set up please feel free to come along as well, both to help us all think together and so we can talk about what we do.

The evenings are 4th September – Reading in Church Keinton Mandeville;
25th September – Leading Prayers Lydford on Fosse
and 1st October – Setting up and welcoming - Barton St David

A "Quiet" Fireworks and Bonfire Party

To be held on Saturday, 1st November 2025 from 6:00 - 8:00pm

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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Dates for your diaries

We will be repeating *Trevor Ryder's Talk and Walk on the Quarrying Heritage* in Keinton at 2:00pm on Saturday, 6th 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 Saturday, 27th September at 2:00pm in the Methodist Hall. We have heard Adam give this presentation before at one of our "Environment Days" and we can guarantee it will be a fascinating and informative afternoon.

We are already planning future talks and "field trips" involving Bats, Bees and Moths and we will keep you posted when the details have been confirmed.

KEG's next meeting, 7:30pm on Monday, 8th September in the Village Hall

Please note this is a change of day and venue from the meetings we have held over the past couple of years. Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people involved in what we do.

Email: 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 September 10th and October 15th 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

One of the biggest and best Honey Shows in the Southwest!

Come and join us on Saturday, 20th September, at Keinton Mandeville Village Hall, from Midday to 5:00pm, for the **Somerton Beekeepers' hugely successful annual Honey Show and Artisan Market**. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Competition entries for honey, wax and beekeeping classes will be on display, as well as the extremely popular Allcomers' classes for preserves and crafts which are open to the public.

So, if you think your jam or chutney is the 'Best in the West,' why not enter and try your luck!

You can treat yourself at the open-air Artisan Market, where crafters and local producers will be selling their wares, including handcrafted goods, candles, cheese, ales, cider, cakes, gifts and much more.

Visit the "Bee Tent" where you can find out more about your local beekeepers, sample and buy award-winning honey, view equipment used for beekeeping and see the bees hard at work in an observation hive.

For those interested in taking up beekeeping, you can sign-up to our beginner's course and there will also be information available on how you can help bees, particularly in their fight against the Asian Hornet.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like more information about the show, you can find us at: www.facebook.com/SomertonBeekeepers

Honey Show Entry forms can be requested by emailing: matt8ggodwin@aol.com

For Artisan Market stall bookings (selling honey is not permitted), please email:

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Wheathill Benefice Choir

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant" (Robert Louis Stevenson)

After a summer break to rest their voices, the Benefice Choir meets again on Wednesday, 3rd September at 7:30pm in Kingweston Church, directed by Beky Kirkman. Rehearsals will look towards the Harvest Festival service on Sunday, 5th October in Keinton Church, which will be followed by Harvest lunch in the village hall. Thoughts then move on to the Remembrance Sunday service, to be held at Lydford and after that to preparations for the start of Advent. If you would like to join the choir, please don't hesitate to get in touch with: **Rachel Willcox** (r.kaywillcox@gmail.com);

Claire Harding (betweenlanes@live.co.uk)

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

Do 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, 11th October from 09:00am in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall.** Breakfasts will be served from 9:00am until 1.00pm and Cream Teas from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. 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.

Raffle: We already have some wonderful prizes including a £200 cash first prize and many, many more. Committee members and helpers will be selling raffle tickets door to door from the middle of September; they will have a list of prizes when they knock on your door. Please try to have some cash available, using a card reader at your door isn't currently feasible. Look out for raffle prize news on social media over the coming weeks. We will also be organising a collection of donations for the tombola. More details to follow!

The Full Monty Breakfast which includes 8 different items, all carefully cooked and served by the wonderful kitchen team, will be £7 (individual items will be £1 each) and the afternoon cream tea will be £2.50. We will have card readers for payment on the day but we welcome cash payments too!

Note: If you are part of a local organisation and would like support from the funds we raise for a particular project, to buy equipment, for a special activity or anything else please contact the committee on keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there and in the meantime, we will update you through social media and the Parish Magazine.

The Committee

Keinton Mandeville WI

In July our speaker was Christina Strang, a graphologist who gave a fascinating insight into handwriting interpretation, which can reveal personality traits and the effect of early life experiences on behaviour. Christina has worked for the Ministry of Defence and various large organisations and companies. Recently she has been working with the NHS researching the possible early diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis. At present she is part of a Radio 4 documentary series entitled The Grave Robbers.

Members were given plenty of food for thought about what their own handwriting revealed and worked enthusiastically together as amateur sleuths to discover the people behind the writing with mostly successful results! Following Christina's most engaging talk and activities, delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all, allowing time for general catch up and news between those present. Future speakers for 2025 include *Life in Switzerland* (18 September) and *Let's Be Crafty* (20 November).

We meet at Barton St David Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month and get together with Long Sutton WI for one meeting a year. This year we will be there for *Women & Flying Machines* (16 October). In the last few months, we have welcomed 4 new members and look forward to welcoming more!

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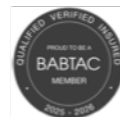
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Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – September 2025

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Sunday 31 st Aug – Sunday 7 th Sep	Sue Baker	223519
Sunday 7 th Sep – Sunday 14 th	Judith Sherwood	223834
Sunday 14 th Sep – Sunday 21 st	John Walker	223314
Sunday 21 st Sep – Sunday 28 th	Neil Bain	224696



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.

Mid Wessex Singers - Rehearsals for Festive Season

Christmas always starts early for your local choir! Why not join the fun?

The Mid Wessex Singers will welcome our new Musical Director, Ed Jenkins, when we start **Tuesday evening rehearsals** for our seasonal festive programme at **West Street Church Hall, Somerton TA11 7PR** (free parking nearby), on **Tuesday, 9th September (7pm for a prompt 7:15pm start)**. All adult singers who love to sing, with or without choral experience, are welcome. We do not audition. The ability to read music is helpful but not essential as rehearsal tracks are made available.

If you are looking to meet people who share your interest in music, come along for a 'taster' visit. For those who just like to listen, the **Christmas Concert date** for your diary is the evening of **Wednesday, 17th December** at St Michael and All Angels Church in Somerton - look out for further details nearer the time.

You know that tickets go fast! For more information visit: www.midwessexsingers.co.uk or contact our Secretary, Sheena, on 07768 704883.

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.**

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Barton St David Scout Group

We are enjoying our holidays after hugely successful summer term, looking forward to starting back in September. Sometimes we think summer is the best Scouting term but the sessions inside a lovely cosy village hall (*thanks to Barton St David Village Hall Committee*) are equally successful, challenging and fun. Quieter sessions indoors help youngsters to socialise more, make friends from different villages and schools and simply keep on acquiring those skills for life that are just as important as an adult as other more formal qualifications. Evidence shows that Scouting helps children/young adults reach their full potential. The Scout programme specifically focuses on teamwork; time management; leadership; initiative; planning; communication; self-motivation; awareness and commitment. What job application doesn't require all of these skills? *We know that we help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world (or at least their bit of it anyway!)*.

But unless we keep our young people from ages 6 to 18 then all of the above is wasted. We have amazing retention through all sections which means that when you look at our 14-18 year olds that we first met when they were 6 years old, you can't help but be so impressed with their mature and friendly characters, their resilience and their immense determination. We retain our youngsters by ensuring we are modern and thriving and then we make our programme fun and varied. In the summer term we have done caving; kayaking; bouldering; archery; beekeeping (*we have honey for sale*); first aid; sailing; science experiments; debating; camps; London Monopoly Run; bike maintenance; making tie-die t-shirts and sausage making. If you'd like your child to have this type of experience then please ask to join us.

Although the list of activities might sound daunting to your child we have developed the knack of starting children well within their comfort zone then gradually supporting them to push those comfort zones further and further back. I find it one of the most joyful and rewarding things to watch youngsters developing until they are almost unrecognisable even after two years of Scouting.

Those who join as adult have just as much fun. Some of us are fully up for the most challenging activities and a few of us are less willing to push our comfort zones as far as the youngsters! Both types of adults still have a brilliant social experience and lots of fun. To join us either as an adult or as a 6 - 18 year old email Vega Sturgess (Group Lead Volunteer) on glsbarton@yahoo.com.

All sections are now meeting on Tuesday evenings but although some of our sections are currently full - things move quickly as children progress to the next section and we operate a waiting list. We can't wait to hear from you.

Vega Sturgess, Group Lead Volunteer,
Barton St David Scout Group glsbarton@yahoo.com

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!

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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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse (Services listed on page 2)

We had a very successful BBQ and social after our Patronal Service on Sunday, 29th June raising over £600 for church funds.

Many thanks to Tom and Kevin for managing the BBQ so well, also to those making salads, cakes and all the other helpers who made it a very successful event.

Further Fund Raising Events are Planned for :

Saturday, 13th September – A Shanty Night at 7:00pm in Keinton Village Hall to raise funds for the Benefice and the Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance. Tickets £15 including refreshments. (See details front page).

Friday, 19th September – A Harvest Supper in the Old Barn at Huntswell House West Lydford raising funds for St Peters church new sustainable heating system and Help the Homeless.

The supper will be Autumnal themed produce, with a cash bar, and followed by a guest speaker. Tickets are £20 and we are limited to 60, so do get your tickets early. Tickets for both events are available from Ralph Berry(01963) 240164 or email: ralphberry@btinternet.com

Tea and Talk – Open to All who live in our local villages

The next Talk is on Sunday, 21st September at 3:30pm in Lydford Hall

We have a speaker from **The Balsam Centre** in Wincanton coming to speak to us.

The Balsam Centre was set up 22 years ago, and is a joint community venture working to improve the quality of life for those living in and around the Wincanton area. Do come along to hear about their work and to see if any of it could be adopted to work in our communities. *All donations taken at the meeting will go towards The Balsam Centre.*

Gift Week – During the week beginning 22nd September

We will be delivering *Gift Week Letters* to those who live in our Parish. All donations received from Gift Week go to St Peters Fabric Fund, which helps to cover the costs of the church and churchyard maintenance.

House Communion

There will be House Communion services held at 3:00pm on 1st October and also on the 10th December.

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*

Welcome and POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 23rd September in the Parish Hall from 10:30am to 12 midday

Our regular coffee morning is back this month! We look forward to welcoming you with our lovely coffee and delicious home-baked biscuits/cakes. We are pleased to see everyone, so do enjoy the offerings, have a chat and perhaps take away a book or two.

This will probably be our last coffee morning of the year (*Oh no!*) - but we hope to return in October with soup lunches (*Oh yes!*).

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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, 10th September at 7:00pm.*

Help the Village, Join the Parish Council

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Do you want to make a difference? Get something sorted? Have an idea? Want to use your experiences and skills to help the village?

It's just one meeting a month plus a few hours' preparation, but it can make a big difference to our community – particularly now that Somerset Council are able to do less for individual parishes. **Free training and support is provided.**

Please come along to one of our meetings or contact the Clerk for more information.

Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall update

The **Parish Hall Management Committee** would like to advise Parish Hall users about some changes that we have made to the way the use of the Parish Hall is funded. You may be familiar with the coin-operated heating system that we have used to heat the hall for many years, and you may know it was unpopular because of the increasing difficulty of sourcing cash in this contactless age.

So, we recently upgraded the system and removed the coin operated system. Hall users can now simply press a timer switch for heating for a set duration; no direct payment is necessary. As we still need to recover the costs of heating the hall, we have modestly increased the hire rates.

These are now:

- Parish Residents: £10 per hr. (6+ sessions: £9 per hr).
- Non-Parish Residents: £11 per hr. (6+ sessions: £10.50 per hr).

Use of the Hob/Ovens – The committee also agreed that if the hob or ovens are used, a flat fee of £3 per session will be applied to help cover the associated energy costs. After holding all our rates steady for many years in the face of rising energy costs, we hope you will understand the need to make these small adjustments to cover our costs.

We also hope that you will agree that these are still very attractive prices, and whether you come to the Parish Hall for one (or more) of the many clubs or groups that uses it, or are looking for a one-off location for an intimate wedding reception, a birthday party or just a sociable gathering of friends and family, you will bear the Parish Hall in mind !

Parish Hall Events – September

Wed 3rd	St Peters PCC Meeting	7:00pm	Committee Meeting
Thu 4th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group
Mon 8th	Royal Enfiled Owners	7:30pm	Members & guests of the Club
Tues 9th	Lydford & District Garden	6:00pm	All welcome, BBQ/plant swap
Wed 10th	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm	Hear latest developments
Thu 11th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group
Fri 12th	Moviola	7:00pm	<i>Details page 10 of Magazine</i>
Thu 18th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group
Sun 21st	St Peter's Tea & Talk	3:30 pm	All welcome
Tues 23rd	Welcom POPin Cafe	10:30 - 12 pm	All welcome, drinks & bakes
Thu 25th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group



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Both firms are proud members of the **National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF)** and the **National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD)**. These professional bodies uphold strict codes of practice, helping us ensure the highest possible standards of care and transparency at every stage. At a time when trust and integrity in the profession have never been more important, our commitment to these values remains steadfast.

The Role – We are currently looking for casual bearers to assist with funerals and support our work in caring for the deceased and their families. This flexible and rewarding role involves being part of a close-knit team, helping people at a time when it matters most.

You may never have considered working in the funeral profession – understandably, it remains a taboo topic for many. But ask anyone in the industry and they will likely tell you how fulfilling, meaningful and team-oriented the work can be. It's an opportunity to make a real difference in your local community. *You don't need prior experience* – just a respectful, calm presence and the ability to support others with care and professionalism.

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Lydford Moviola

The next Moviola screening, Lydford Parish Hall, Friday, 12th September at 7.30pm

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The film to be shown will be **Mr Burton (2025) 12A starring Harry Lawtey, Toby Jones and Lesley Mandeville.**

It's 1942 and Richard Jenkins (Harry Lawtey) is at school in Port Talbot, caught between the pressures of an alcoholic father, a devastating war and his own ambitions.

A new opportunity beckons when Richard's natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher, Philip Burton (Toby Jones). The young man thrives under Philip's strict tutelage and the guidance of a kindly landlady, Mrs Smith (Lesley Mandeville). But as the acting world comes within Richard's reach, the burden of his past risks holding him back forever.

*To reserve tickets or for more information
please contact Linda Foote on 01963 240336 or 07504867587*



Lydford and District Gardening Club

In a marked and dramatic change from the normal form of these reports, the order for September is being reversed. Usually, for those who need reminding, several paragraphs of gibberish are followed by vital Club information relating to the performance of the most recent speaker, the identity of the next victim to head into the horticultural 'Lion's Den' that is Lydford Parish Hall and any special details about free plants, supplies of horse manure or similar bounty. It is this second section that is put on the Club website and everyone should now, immediately, stop reading and go on to www.Lydfordanddistrictgardeingclub.co.uk and check to ensure that this is indeed the situation.

Whilst on the site it should be explored in its entirety with special emphasis on the stunning photographs which are available and many other useful pages. The weather section even includes a daily forecast which gives the temperature in Fahrenheit and this obviously removes the stress of remembering the formula - $X \frac{9}{5}$ then $+ 32$ - normally required to turn Celsius into common sense! However, the normal order of things is being reversed. For those of a mathematical bent, B.O.D.M.A.S or B.I.D.M.A.S. is suddenly becoming S.A.M.D.O.B or S.A.M.D.I.B (*P.E.M.D.A.S. apparently in the U.S.A. for those who really do have too much time on their hands!*). And the reason for this departure is simply to do with the vast amount of information which needs to be relayed, especially after a month off and the annual fortnight spent 'clubbing' in Ibiza.

Previous Meeting

At the last meeting of the Club, held so many weeks ago at the beginning of July, the speaker was Sally Nex and she has 'form' for being an enthusiast. On this occasion the title of her offering was '*Bust the Glut*' and, interestingly, her subject was not how to grow the best flowers, fruit and vegetables but what to do with them when they all appear at once! In this warm and dry summer this has been a problem with some fruit production being most impressive even with such a lack of rainfall.

Plums have been getting out of hand. Branches have been breaking under the weight of the fruit and wasps have had a great time in the cidery insides of apples. (*Do drunken wasps sound slurred to their more sober colleagues?*). Successional sowing was suggested as a way of avoiding the proud but pointless achievement of having 50 lettuces in peak condition at the same time! Yet, as we all may know, such organisation in our gardening lives is difficult to achieve. Rather like standing on one leg when teeth cleaning and doing the said operation with the non-dominant hand, sowing little and often rarely happens even though we know that it makes sense.

Life is busy and even putting a label on pots can often prove to be just too much of an effort. When, despite best efforts to the contrary a glut has appeared, effective ways of storing the produce would probably be familiar to our forbears who lived through World War II. Jams, pickles, cordials, bottling and freezing were all discussed and useful tips given. Thankfully, salting was not mentioned. Salted runner beans were truly disgusting yet were still produced with great pride for Sunday lunch in February. On the topic of bottling - many people use 'Kilner' jars. Few people know that this product was created by Mr. John Kilner in 1842 at his factory near Dewsbury in Yorkshire. Even fewer are aware that Mr. Kilner is Jeremy Clarkson's several times great grandfather! Ms. Nex was good and enthused her audience.

Next Meeting – Barbecue

On Tuesday, 9th September, the Club meeting will take the form of a barbecue. Members should gather at the Parish Hall around 18:00hrs – *please note the unusual time but we will be in Autumn by then and nights will be drawing in* – and sausages will abound. Also, the meeting will provide people with the chance to swap any surplus produce they may have, whether it has been turned into jam or not, and offer any spare seedlings or divisions that have survived the drought. So do not come empty handed! As is now traditional, the raffle for this month will be especially sumptuous. Indeed it will be an event in its own right!

So, whilst there will be no charge for the food and drink on offer, if members could search down the back of settees or under car seats and find a few coins or even a small note to spend on the raffle, this would be greatly appreciated.



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Sunday, 7th September Morning Worship Local Arrangement
Sunday, 21st September 3:00pm Holy Communion Rev Collin Moore

How can it be September already..?

The summer has flown by and we have enjoyed some wonderful weather – if you don't mind the heat... Please spare a thought for those who have found the hot temperatures trying. Those with health issues, worsened in the heat and those in hospital where it must have been SO hot.

And for the farmers who are having a hard time – crops not planted because of such a wet autumn and now poor yields due to a hot, dry summer. It will be a difficult winter too, as some of the animal feed is being used already.

Holiday Club

At the time of writing this, **Holiday Club** is now upon us! The theme, "Wonder Zone", promises to be an exciting mix of science, the solar system, experiments, craft activities, stories and songs. As well as the all important snacks!! There will be an update in October.

VJ DAY

Very many thanks to the 'Knit and Natter' ladies for their amazing display to mark VJ Day. The wonderful decorations added a splash of colour to the Chapel! (see notes/pictures page 15). It is important to remember the sacrifice men from our village made in WW2 and especially those who suffered (and survived) the awful conditions in Japan. *We salute you all!!*

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

Trevor Ryder's *Talk & Walk on the Quarrying Heritage* will be repeated at 2:00pm on 13th September in the Methodist Chapel Community Hall.

Check the Date: Our Harvest Festival Service will be led by Rev Collin Moore on **Sunday October 5th at 3:00pm**. Tea and cake will be served after the service.

In a break from tradition, we will **NOT** be holding an auction.

Our new season of talks and supper

These will begin again on Thursday, 9th October at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Douglas Humphrey will be speaking about "Puff the Chinese Dragon". A personal account of the Cultural Revolution in China. Please contact: Alison Sutton (01458) 223656 Celia (01458) 224601 or Douglas (01458) 223703 for tickets.

Thank you!

PS: Our very best wishes to all the children who will be starting school, or pre-school in September – and to those who are making the big step to Secondary Education... We wish you well!!

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Improving your home security – crime prevention initiatives.

Following a recent break in Lydford our PCSO suggested a couple of crime prevention ideas for village residents :

1. The marking of property with a UV pen – all that's needed is your postcode marked with a UV pen on your precious items. (Lydford residents will shortly receive a UV pen courtesy of NHW and Lydford on Fosse Parish Council.)
2. Items can be marked with a forensic marking solution which is registered to a specific property. It can be applied to all types of possessions from laptops, jewellery, fine art, garden machinery and tools to caravans, trailers and yachts! For further information please go to www.selectadna.co.uk

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

We have been making the most of the weather this summer with some outdoor events. On a sunny evening in June, we held a picnic in Lydford Sports Field and celebrated Third Tuesday's 16th anniversary with a glass or two of Prosecco. In keeping with this theme, members brought along photographs of themselves aged 16 (or thereabouts) and we had fun guessing "who was who". None of us have changed a bit...!

In July a group of us enjoyed a trip to Kilver Court in Shepton Mallet. We met at their lovely new café for coffee and cake, followed by a stroll around the gardens. Although fairly small at 3.5 acres, the gardens have plenty of interest with a parterre, waterfalls, mill ponds and a rockery. A recent addition to the gardens is a 100-metre "colourist" herbaceous border, which was looking beautiful in spite of the recent drought.

The most striking feature is the magnificent "Charlton Viaduct" - a Grade II* listed structure built in 1874 for the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway. With 27 arches and a span of 290 metres, it provides a spectacular backdrop to the gardens!

Next Meeting

We don't have an official meeting in September but Ann Emsley has offered to organize lunch at a local pub or café for those who would like to meet up. Please see email from Ann 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:

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Barton St David Church

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Please join us for this special Benefice Service when **Brother Hugh from the Society of St Francis, an Anglican Franciscan Order at Hilfield Friary near Cerne Abbas will preach on Ecochurch.**

This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in BSD Village Hall

Brother Hugh has also lived in Kenya, Papua New Guinea and London. The Friary community of brothers and other community members from around the world runs a guest house, hosts parish day groups and cares for creation on their 50 acres inspired by the story of St Francis. They learn hedge-laying and have wood pasture with both cattle and wild flowers, where they hope to bring back the Duke of Burgundy butterfly. They have an Eco church gold award. They have a biomass heating system and, to cut their carbon and electricity bills, have just had a battery installed. They are a partner in action with Arocha, the Christian environmental charity which works with Christian landowners.

Brother Hugh is looking forward to meeting members of our community to learn how our churches are working towards an Ecochurch award. To learn more and possibly gain some useful general eco tips, please join us afterwards in the Village Hall for lunch. We suggest that those who wish to stay and eat should bring finger food; coffee and tea will be provided. Even if you don't join us in church or do not wish to eat, do please join us in the Village hall to meet and talk to this inspiring man – you will be very welcome.

Barton St David Mothers' Union

Tuesday, 9th September at 2:30pm - Meet at Churchbrook House for either a talk or "Creation" based on Genesis.

Barton St David Parish Council: Our Neighbourhood Plan

The first draft of *Barton St David's Neighbourhood Plan* is available on the Barton St David website. The Plan, when approved by Somerset Council, will be a legal document that housing developers and the Somerset Planning Authority have to take into account. It seeks to help shape the future physical development of our village along the lines that we want as a community.

This first formal draft of the Plan is to enable Barton St David villagers (and other organisations required by Somerset Council) to comment. These will be addressed in subsequent drafts of the Plan, and every household in the Village will then be asked to approve the final draft in a referendum organised by Somerset Council, probably in early 2026.

The Plan is based on opinions of villagers gathered from last year's Questionnaire, 2 village meetings and inputs gathered at the village Carnival. We hope, therefore, that it reflects the hopes, needs and views of all.

The Plan can be found at: <https://bartonstdavidparish.gov.uk/updates/>
 Please take this opportunity to comment and send them, by **Friday 10th October**, to: simon.jackson@bartonstdavidparish.gov.uk & clerk@bartonstdavidparish.co.uk

Barton St David History Club

Meetings in Barton Village Hall

Thursday, 11th September 2025 at 7:30pm – Ashley Jones

"Uncle Bill : Britain's Forgotten Hero - Field Marshall William Slim".
 Members Free, Non-Members £3

Thursday, 9th October 2025 at 7:30pm – The Robinson Memorial Lecture:

Sally Smith "Magnificent Women and Flying Machines".
 Members Free, Non-Members £5



Generosity begets generosity



In August I was privileged to dedicate the restored clock in the tower of Montacute church. It's not just any old clock. In fact, Montacute's is amongst the oldest in the country.

Built in the village in around 1400, the clock is so old that it is held in place by iron wedges. At the time of its construction, the nut and the bolt wouldn't be invented for another hundred years!

The Montacute clock is an artefact that seems to generate generosity. In the 1980s the clock was restored by Humphrey Hamlin, for whom it is now named. Humphrey poured time and energy into its mechanism, preventing it from being scrapped. During the last two years, heroic efforts by the people of Montacute have led to its further restoration. All this was marked last month by a whole village gathering. The community choir sang, morris men danced, the local pub provided a hog roast, cake was dispensed in huge quantities.

Montacute is a beautiful example of how generosity begets generosity. Like a chain reaction, one act of generosity, the restoration of the clock, led to another, another and another. As a result, a whole community was brought together in celebration and joy.

In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul writes of the church in Macedonia that *'their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity'* (2 Cor 8:2). Having nothing, the Macedonians discovered that they could still give. In turn, their generosity enabled Paul to challenge and encourage the church in Corinth to do the same. All to help the struggling Church in Jerusalem.

As I travel around our diocese, I see this pattern of generosity begetting generosity happening in so many places. One person starts, another adds their contribution, more join in and soon we learn that together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. This is the economy of God. It's an economy that all of us are invited to join.

Michael Beasley,

Bishop of Bath and Wells

Knit and Natter, Keinton Mandeville

Knit and Natter have been very busy these past months and not only with individual knitting projects. We were very honoured to be asked to decorate the front of the Methodist Church to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day, paying tribute to all those who served in the Far East and the Pacific. This included providing a bespoke VJ Union Jack flag, knitted bunting and a set of soldiers resplendent in red, white and blue.

Our group has knitted and donated a variety of garments and blankets to a local Nursing Home. This has included, hats, gloves scarves and fiddle muffs for dementia patients. Throughout this year we have also donated money to various charities, including to our kind hosts the Methodist Church.

Recent visits have been made to Len, one of our founder members who is no longer able to come along to our Monday afternoon sessions. I miss your wry take on life, your laughter and your fellowship.

Another of our members, has also been unable to join us of late; so the decision was made that if Sylvia couldn't get to Knit and Natter then Knit and Natter would go to her. Thank you to Sylvia and her daughter Tess for their warm hospitality and a most enjoyable afternoon of knitting and nattering.

At the other end of the age spectrum, we bade farewell to one of our most talented and valued members whose enthusiasm, wonderful smile and wisdom belied her age. Evie will be moving on to Secondary School in September. However, she has promised to pop back to see us during school holidays.

We are always happy to receive donations of wool which are used for community projects.

New members are always welcome to come along and join us,

**We meet Monday afternoons 2:00 – 4:00 p.m in the Methodist Church rooms,
for further information please contact Emma Stevens 01458 223344.**



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 At St Mary Magdalene Keinton Mandeville, followed by

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You are warmly invited to celebrate
 Harvest 2025 with a delicious Buffet Lunch.
 Limited cash bar facilities.

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 or phone Rachel on **07966 873660** or Claire **07881 592815**
 Further details on the website: <https://wheathill.org/>
 (Dates for your Diary) and in the Parish Magazine.



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I/We would like to attend the Harvest Lunch
on Sunday 5th October 2025

*** NB:** There is no charge for the food, but a collection will be taken *
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