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**** Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast ****

Saturday, 11th October from 09:00am in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

Enjoy a delicious breakfast between 9:00am – 1:00pm

Or a cream tea between 2:00pm and 4:00pm ...or both

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Grill a Vicar – Coffee & Chat

Do you have questions for clergy ?

Do you wonder about things: –
faith, baptism, marriage, challenges or something else?

Jane will be in Newlands Farm Shop Cafe,
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Wheathill Benefice Worship – October 2025

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
1st Oct	3:00pm House Communion - Lydford Parish Hall		
5th Oct Harvest	11:00 am Benefice Harvest Festival in Keinton Church followed at 12:00 noon by Harvest Lunch KM Village Hall		
12th Oct Trinity 17	10:30am Holy Communion, Lydford on Fosse		
19th Oct Trinity 18	Morning Prayer Barton St David	Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	—
26th Oct Last after Trinity	Morning Prayer Lydford On Fosse	Holy communion Barton St David	4pm Keinton Faith'n Fun
2nd Nov All Saints	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	4pm All Souls Keinton Mandeville

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

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In Remembrance of Joyce PITMAN

Joyce Pitman died on 15th August 2025 aged 90.

Joyce had a private cremation and a Thanksgiving Service at Keinton Mandeville Methodist Church. The Family wish to express their thanks to everyone who attended the service and the gathering afterwards at The Quarry Inn.

Thank you also to all those who donated to Joyce's charity of choice, YMCA Room Sponsor.

From the Editor: In remembering Joyce, we will also miss the collection of poems she wrote as (MJP) over several years and kindly allowed us to include in various issues of the Wheathill Benefice Parish Magazine.

From the Registers

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Mr Michael PORTEOUS of Keinton Mandeville, who passed away on Friday, 1st August 2025 aged 88 years. His funeral took place on the 27th August at Mendip Crematorium.



Do you like the smell/taste of fresh bread?

We have a bread maker, and I love coming back into the house when it has almost finished it's cycle. In recent years there's been a growth in interest about our bread.

Remember the flurry of Sourdough aficionados during COVID? Or the questions raised about additives that make something that doesn't keep last?

In some ways it's simple, yeast, flour, water, salt, sugar, oil. In other ways it's complex, the wrong ratios leads to a brick. Not enough kneading makes for a tough dough with under developed gluten. Then there is the question of adequate proving for the right textures. In fact much of the process is ensuring the best rise possible.

Whether we eat it or not bread is often seen as one of the foundation foods, world over. It may look different in different cultures and contexts, but in the prayer Jesus taught us we pray:

Give us this day our daily bread (or in some translations our daily sustenance)

He also called himself the bread of life, implying that just as bread is a basic sustenance for many across the world so we're called to depend upon him day by day.

So as we come to harvest we do so thanking God for all that he gives us. For many farmers here and across the world we are in uncertain times, low yields and increasing costs and uncertainty. Maybe in these times praying '*give us our daily bread*' reminds us to depend upon God, and to thank him.

Wheathill Harvest service on 5th October (11:00am) in Keinton Church and lunch at 12:00 noon in the village hall afterwards.

We will be collecting donations for Glastonbury Food Bank during the service, non-perishable in date items only please.

We will also be thinking together about bread and God's provision for us, so please do come and join us there.

Best wishes,
Jane

Save the date – Remembering Together:

2nd November 10:30am Lydford All Saints Benefice Celebration, also 4:00pm Keinton Mandeville **All Souls**, remembering those whom we have loved but see no longer

7th November 10:45am Keinton Mandeville **Act of Remembrance**

9th November 10:15am in **Lydford Remembrance Sunday** worship, starting in Lydford Church and going outside for the act of remembrance at 11:00am

11th November 10:45am **Barton St David Act of Remembrance**



Wheathill Benefice Choir

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."

William Blake



During October, the choir is looking forward to singing at the Harvest Festival service, 11:00am on Sunday, 5th October, in St Mary Magdalene, Keinton and to then enjoying a delicious Harvest Lunch in Keinton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to church and to the lunch and, if you would like to attend, do complete a form that can be found in Keinton Stores, or check on the Wheathill Benefice website: <https://wheathill.org>

After Harvest, our thoughts will turn to rehearsing for the *Remembrance Sunday service (9th November in Lydford)* and to an exciting selection of music preparing for Advent and Christmas. 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)

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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Our recent talks on Keinton's Quarrying heritage and the Agronomics of farming in our local area were very well attended and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend. We are planning on more talks in the future – although dates and details have yet to be confirmed, the topics might include the *work of Somerset Climate Action, the importance of Bees and Wild Gardening.*

The aim of these events is for KEG to raise funds for environmental projects around the village. Currently, we have plans to undertake maintenance on the Community Copse and local hedgerows, as well as extending our wildflower planting scheme.

There are a couple of schemes village residents could take part in; we will re-launch our "Adopt a Tree" scheme for the Community Copse at the end of October, and we are always keen to hear of anyone who has an area of garden or verge in which they'd like to plant pollinator-friendly wild flowers. As part of this scheme, we are aiming to produce wildflower plug plants (*which we've found grow more successfully than seeds*) which we will give away sometime towards the end of winter in 2026.

If you'd like to help or take part in any of this work do let KEG know using either of the links below.

Meetings

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 13th October at 7:30pm pm 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.

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.

Future Dates

Dates for the next three months are Wednesdays on October 15th, November 12th and December 17th all between 10:00am and 12 noon. There is no need to book... just come along if you can.

We look forward to seeing you and the kettle will be on!

Viv Lane & Claire Harding

Knit and Natter, Keinton Mandeville

At Knit and Natter, 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.

Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast

Saturday, 11th October from 09:00am in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast between 9:00am – 1:00pm. Or a cream tea between 2:00pm and 4:00pm ...or both! Come with your family and friends or on your own and make new friends! Everyone is welcome to this special community event which raises money for many local organisations **plus Blood Cancer UK, WHY and Save the Children.**

There will be raffle tickets on sale, a tombola, a quiz, charity stalls, flower arrangement auctions and delicious breakfasts cooked and served by the wonderful kitchen team. From 2:00pm we will be serving cream teas and the raffle will be drawn at 4:00pm.

Committee members and helpers will be selling raffle tickets door to door between now and the 11th October.

We already have some wonderful raffle prizes donated including:

a £200 cash first prize, £100 Sainsbury's voucher; family voucher for Westlands Entertainment Venue; family voucher to Abbotsbury Swannery; Sunday lunch for 2 at The Chequers in Bath; tickets for a home fixture at Yeovil Town; Bishops Palace voucher for 2; AEG Lavazza Coffee Maker; film screenings at Strode Theatre; voucher for Tony's Fish and Chips; pizza for 2 at The Barton Inn; Haynes Motor Museum tickets; a children's audio Tonies Box; a coached clay pigeon shooting session for 2 people and there are many, many more.

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

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

A Full Monty Breakfast comprises 8 items for £7.00. Individual items will be priced at £1.00 if you prefer to select your own breakfast items. There will also be provision for a vegetarian option. We will have card readers but please bring cash if you can!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 11th October and sharing a great community day together. If you represent a local organisation, club or group and would like to be considered for a donation from this year's event please use the email below. For any queries please don't hesitate to contact us on keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com.

The Committee

Keinton Mandeville WI

Although we don't have a WI meeting in August, we usually organise a summer outing. On 21st August, some of our ladies met up for a very enjoyable trip to Spindle Cottage, Farrington Gurney. The owners have created a detailed model village in their garden for visitors to explore. The outing was rounded off with a delicious homemade cream tea.

Our September meeting hosted a virtual visit to Switzerland, led by Maggie Fisher-Iten. Following her introductory questionnaire/quiz and talk, there was a competition, with an Alfred Vogel cookbook and a Herbamare Vegetable Stock Tub for the lucky winner. Then the ladies were treated to some tasty Swiss foods to try, with sweet treats available to take home.

Next Meeting

16th October – we will be *visiting Long Sutton WI to hear all about Women and Flying Machines*- the important role women have played in aviation history.

20th November meeting, we will be back at Barton St David Village Hall for a *Let's Be Crafty session*.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except for our **Christmas party, which is held on the 2nd Thursday (11th December).**

You are very welcome to attend any of our meetings to see what we get up to! Please contact Sarah at: secretarykmwi@gmail.com.

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Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – October 2025

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Sunday 28 th Sep – Sunday 5 th Oct	Joanne Wallwork	07757704221
Sunday 5 th Oct – Sunday 12 th	Roger Locke	224287
Sunday 12 th Oct – Sunday 19 th	Neil Bain	223314
Sunday 19 th Oct – Sunday 26 th	Larry Hennessy	07777680088
Sunday 26 th Oct – Sunday 2 nd Nov	Neill Thomas	223613



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.

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We would like to remind everyone that if you are a resident of our villages, do not drive or have your own transport, or you find public transport (if it is available) difficult to access, you may be eligible to use 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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The next Parish Council Meetings are on Tuesday, 7th October and Tuesday, 4th November in the village hall at 7:30pm. Public session will take place at 7:30pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Traffic Survey and Next Steps

After consultation with the village the parish council has now commissioned Highways from Somerset Council to put in place the 20mph speed limit in parts of the village.

Planning application 22/01720/OUT

Hopefully everyone in the village will be aware of the application that was objected to by many in the village, the parish council and SHOCK. The application went before the South Somerset Area South Planning Committee and was approved but the parish council and SHOCK believe there are potentially areas of practice and law whereby this decision can be challenged. The route is to instigate a judicial review but there are many steps to go through before a court hearing can take place. Currently there has been a Pre Pre Action letter submitted to Somerset Council and the parish council and SHOCK are awaiting a response. Minutes from parish council and public meetings are available on the parish council website or by requesting from the clerk.

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council Gardens Competition 2025

Containers

The Barn, Queen Street – A range of containers, differing in scale and colour making a cheerful display against the local stonework.

Hanging baskets

15 Queen Street – Bright abundant flowers in well managed baskets.

Front garden

Quarry House, 17 Lakeview – An attractive range of carefully tended and varied planting.

Kaye Elston, Clerk to Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Open The Book

There is a very small group of us that tell and act a bible story in Keinton church two or three times a term on a Monday lunch time.

The stories have been passed by the Bible Society and the department of education for use in schools. We would like to increase the number involved in this initiative, as the children love the stories and it gives us a chance with mission to the younger generation. If you would be interested in joining us please contact either **Rev Jane Durham** or **Ralph Berry**, contact details on the front page of the magazine.

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

After a very busy month in September we are having a quieter month in October. The results of our fund raising events, *Harvest Supper on the 19th September and Gift Week from the 22nd September* will be in the November magazine. Although I can report that the **Shanty Night** held to raise funds towards church benefice funds and The Cornwall Air Ambulance raised **£1852.00**.

House Communion

The next House Communion Service is on Wednesday, 1st October at 3:00pm in Lydford Parish Hall. This Service is open to all in the Benefice and beyond, so do come along for a short communion service followed by tea and cakes.

Lydford Church Car Park

The first stage of the improvement work to the car park is now completed, and the small committee that bought this project together would like to acknowledge their thanks to all those who contributed to raising the funds for the work.

Altogether £8,500 was raised with the St Peters PCC making up the shortfall from the actual cost if required.

We would like to thank **Matt Williams from Brimble Lea Planning Consultancy based in Gillingham, Dorset** who managed the project planning application and its implications. Our thanks also go to **Jonnie Long of West Lydford who, as contractor**, has done an amazing job for us.

We received two large grants, **one of £1,000** from a local charity who wishes to remain anonymous **and one of £2,500 from Somerset Community Fund**. Other large contributions were received *from Lydford on Fosse Parish Council, Royal Enfield Club, Lydford Parish Hall, St Peters PCC Gift Week, a Village Shed Sale, and the car park QR code*. The remainder being made up of generous gifts and Grid Sponsorship.

This work has made the car park much more user friendly and we trust that it also helps protect the War Memorial from further damage by vehicles.

We would like to thank you all very much.

In time the car park will require resurfacing, so all those who do use the car park please do make donations towards its upkeep via the QR Code in the car park or by making donations to St Peters PCC marking it for the car park fund.

Weekday Church Opening

The PCC would very much like to be able to open the church on weekdays as well as weekends and is looking for volunteers to help with this.

If you feel you can help with this please contact Sally Buxton on 07977 425539 or treasurerstpetersfosse@gmail.com for more information.

In the meantime the church is open at weekends and most Thursdays.

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*

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

(clerk@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk)

The Parish Council (PC) met on 10th September; the following matters were discussed:

- A member of the public raised their concern about the spread of **Himalayan Balsam**, an invasive species, along the banks of the River Brue, contributing to the erosion of the river banks, and of the build-up of sedge in the water, impeding the flow of the river and creating a risk to wildlife. The PC will seek further advice from the Environment Agency and Somerset Council's Environment Department on the best way to tackle these issues.
- The PC still has a vacancy for a councillor and are keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in volunteering for the position.
- A planning application for a new dwelling on the High Street, West Lydford, was considered. Due to its location outside the West Lydford Development Area and its very close proximity to a neighbouring residence, Councillors agreed to recommend that Somerset Council reject the application.
- A site for a **new Dog Waste Bin** has been identified in East Lydford on the finger post at the top of Church Lane by the stile. It is hoped that this will reverse the growing nuisance caused by inconsiderate dog walkers.
- An ambitious plan to replace the current playground on the Sports Ground was presented, and the first steps to delivering it were outlined as seeking funding and seeing if there is support for such a project in the Parish.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th October, in the Parish Hall, starting at 7:00pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and participate.

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council



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For more information and to enrol please contact

The Clerk: clerk@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk

The Chairman: jim.frampton@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk

Welcome and POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 28th October in the Parish Hall from 12 midday to 1:30pm

We are returning this month to our popular soup lunches, and indeed the weather has turned a little chilly and damp, so it seems the right step to take!

As before, doors open at 11:30am for sit down with soup at 12 midday - there will be a choice of 3 soups accompanied by cheese scones, or rolls. Tea and coffee are also available. We look forward to welcoming you there.

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Keinton Mandeville Playing Field Committee

The committee wanted to pay tribute to our long serving member Ian Matthews who has decided to step down from cutting the grass after 21 years of valuable service. Ian is one of those unsung members of the village who work behind the scenes to ensure that our facilities are fit for use, ensuring that the football club has a quality pitch to play on, children have a nicely mown play area to use, and the general appearance of our village playing field is pleasing to the eye.

My committee and I as chairman, would like to thank Ian for his service to the playing field site and wish him well in the future.

I would also take this opportunity to invite any residents of the village who would like to volunteer and give their time to maintaining our facilities, raising badly needed funds and steering the future of the playing field, to approach me at the number below with a view to joining our committee. Come along and contribute with others to volunteer and ensure that our site is prepared for the future of our residents. Thank you.

**Andy Graham, KM Playing Field Chair
07546 397 334**



Lydford and District Gardening Club

Before any generalisations are made about anything to do with the weather, the caveat has to be issued that things are not necessarily as predictable as they once were! As some of you may have noticed, this summer has been quite dry and warm. Unusually so. However, September has been fairly damp and quixotic – not really the *'Indian Summer'* that we hope for nor the *'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'* made famous by the poet John Keats. However, he was writing in 1820, over 200 years ago and things have probably changed quite a lot since then, the price of a pint of beer has certainly increased by several farthings! But generalisations are cosy and comforting and anchor our existence with a sense of familiarity and understanding. So it is possible to think of October as a *'good'* month. It is not as dreary and depressing as January, with apologies to those who think the first month of the year is exciting and full of new beginnings. Nor is it flashy and full of false glitter, unlike December. July and August are full of self-importance as befits their Roman emperor creators and November is a one-trick pony relying on the relief felt at the preservation of parliament – an interesting emotion in modern times! – and the subsequent pyrotechnical celebrations of this event. October is solid.

Days are still relatively light for a long time with clocks not going back until the end of the month, Sunday 26th to be precise. Temperatures are usually acceptable with fingers hovering over the central heating button but failing to make any definite movement and consequently switches tend to stay in the *'off'* position and sensible folk rely instead on the availability of sweaters, blankets and those unsung heroes of the clothing world, vests! October also contains the half-term holidays, a time of freedom and bonfire building in the past and very expensive holiday flights in the present. All that October lacks is a Bank Holiday. August to December is a long stretch without a day off. Someone should have a chat with the early May Bank Holiday and suggest that it might want to move to the Autumn. It would be far better appreciated and not so much in the shadow of its Easter and Whitsun cousins. 26th October is noted as the feast day of St Alfred the Great in some traditions and this date usually falls within the holiday period. A good excuse for a celebration of one of our major historical characters. Problem solved!

After a fallow year in 2024 caused by a perfect storm of untowardness, the Gardening Club barbecued in September. As is traditional in such situations the weather forecast was not good. E-mails flew, *'pinging'* their way between the tired and ageing electronic devices of the committee members. Options were considered, suggestions made yet in the tradition evidenced by the recent V.J. Day commemorations, it was decided that the show must go on.

Members gathered at the unusually early time of 18:00hrs, sausages were cooked, some more than others, and a most enjoyable evening was created. Produce was swapped. Notable amongst the vegetables on show were some excellent pumpkins and George deserves great praise for his green-fingered efforts. The atmosphere inside the Parish Hall was warm and supportive and this was enhanced by the home-made fruit crumble and cream which satisfied the pudding pouches of those who had spaces to fill.

Next Meeting

To make October an even better month the **Gardening Club will gather on Tuesday 14th at 19:00hrs.** The speaker will be Carole Edwards and her topic will be *'A Mix of Baking and Gardening'*.

It will be the first time that Ms. Edwards will have been to Lydford yet she is no stranger to the high-life as she is reputed to have appeared on *'Bake Off'* and comes well recommended. Hopefully she will give ideas as to what luxurious goodies can be made which contain zero calories and don't involve the use and subsequent washing up of copious numbers of bowls, baking trays and assorted whisks.

After last month's usurpation by crumble, the home-made biscuit will return to centre stage, a most appropriate position given the theme of the talk.





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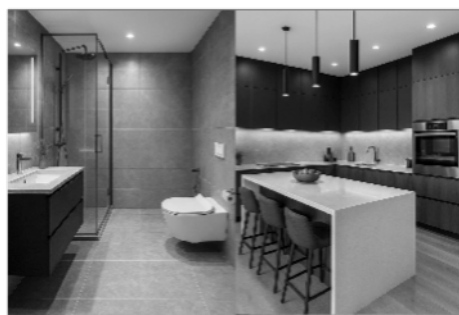
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Sunday, 5th October 3:00pm Harvest Festival

Rev Collin Moore

Holiday Club

The "Wonder Zone" was an amazing mix of craft activities, Bible stories. Songs, the solar system and science experiments... Thank you Clive and Ralph!

We enjoyed watching coke fountains due to interactions between Coke and mints, balloons launched into "space", creating rainbows and blowing good old fashioned bubbles – a pleasure for everyone!!

Many thanks to Rev. Jane and your wonderful team for giving the young people such a special 3 days...

Mrs Joyce Pitman

Joyce sadly passed away on Friday, August 15th aged 90.

Joyce was a Sunday School leader at the Chapel in the 1950's and was married there too. She went onto teach at Keinton Mandeville Primary School and was a much loved and respected member of staff.

We remember Joyce fondly and also her husband, Tony, their children and grandchildren. A well attended Thanksgiving Service for Joyce's life was held at the Chapel on Saturday, 30th August. God Bless you, Joyce!

Keinton Environment Group

It has been a pleasure to welcome the Keinton Environment Group to the Community Hall. On 6th September, Trevor Ryder reprised his talk about quarrying in the village. On 27th September Adam North, our local agronomist, will speak about "Farming and Environment" ! Which promises to be an very informative afternoon! Thank you both!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebrations is on Sunday, 5th October at 3:00pm and will be led by Rev. Collin Moore. Tea and cake will be served in the Community Hall after the service.

As we will not be holding our traditional Harvest Auction, gifts for the Lords Larder will be gratefully accepted at the service. These gifts need to be Non-perishable goods, please.

Talks and Supper are back!

The new season of talks will begin on Thursday, 9th October at 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. The title is "Puff the Chinese Dragon" and is a personal account of when Cultural Revolution in China overspilled into Hong Kong – and the ramifications... We hope to welcome you again – or for the first time!!

Tickets (£10 including supper) are available from Alison (223656)

Celia (224601) and Douglas (223703).

A non-alcoholic bar will be available as well as tea and coffee. There will be a raffle. We really hope to see you for the evening...!!

Lydford Scrapbags

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- Check the batteries in your smoke alarm and replace if necessary.

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- Check the date on your carbon monoxide (CO) detector. Replace any CO detector older than five years.
- You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide so you need to be able to recognise the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning – headache, breathlessness, confusion, dizziness, nausea and fatigue – it can feel like a dose of the flu!

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

August was a social event in the Parish Hall. We played an entertaining game of **Chronology**, plus there was time for tea, coffee and a catch up with friends. **Chronology** involves teams or players taking turns to place historical events into the correct position on a timeline. You don't need to know the exact date of key historical events to win, but it helps if you have some idea of which decade they occurred or at least which century! Knowledge of major events such as royal coronations, major battles and landmark political events only get you so far as there are plenty of obscure questions as well, such as *"When did badminton become an Olympic sport?"* *"When was the method developed for carbonating water?"* and *"When did townspeople of Brighton first raise money for the restoration of the Brighton Pavilion?"* (1992, 1767 and 1850 in case you're wondering!). Thanks to Jane B for organizing the game for us which was lots of fun. I'm sure we all learnt a fact or two on the night, even if we've forgotten them since!

Meeting: Friday 24th October – Outing to the Somerset Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury. A 40-minute tour, focusing on the last family to farm there. We will be free to wander around the galleries after the tour. *Meet in the café at 10.15am or in reception at 10.55am.* Cost, payable on the day, £6.75 each - can be upgraded for £3.25 to an annual ticket. **(Unfortunately numbers for the tour are restricted, so this is for Third Tuesday members only.)** *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).* Details of 2025 programme/more information, contact us at lydfordthirtuesday@gmail.com or <https://thirtuesday.wixsite.com/thirtuesday>

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Barton St David History Club

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September Meeting

Our meeting saw a large audience witness a superb presentation by Ashley Jones on *"Uncle Bill : Britain's Forgotten Hero - Field Marshall William Slim"*.

We were kept riveted as we were taken through the highs and lows of Slim's life story, how a man who did not have the advantages of wealth, university or a Sandhurst education rose to such an exalted position and how he was loved and respected by the men, especially the Gurkhas, whom he commanded.

Future Meetings

Thursday, 9th October 2025 at 7:30pm

"Robinson Memorial Lecture", in remembrance of the founders of the club, will be given by Sally Smith, a journalist and writer, talking about the history of aviation *"Magnificent Women and Flying Machines"*. Members Free, Non-Members £5

Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm: Susie Simmons *"The Southwest Heritage Trust and its Museums of Somerset"* Members Free, Non-Members £3

Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm Jill Lawson *"Making Faces at the BBC"* Members Free, Non-Members £3.



Keen Gardeners Sought by Hospice!

We hope you may have managed to visit some of our beautiful gardens that have opened their gates for us this summer – it had been hugely successful season, raising over £27,000 for your local hospice.

St Margarets Hospice has been serving the Somerset Community for 45 years, providing free compassionate clinical and supportive care to people facing life limiting illness and their families in Somerset.

We are already looking ahead to Summer 2026 – and we're on the hunt for more glorious gardens to join the line-up! All gardens are welcome – big or small. Visitors love to see spaces they can draw inspiration from, so while large country gardens make for a wonderful day out, a beautiful English back garden can be just as inspiring (sometimes even more so!). We welcome all outdoor spaces – allotments, school or church gardens, woodlands, farms... we love an eclectic mix to offer our visitors

If you're worried your garden might be too small, why not ask your neighbours to join in with you, or perhaps hold a small garden party, or plant sale?

We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to take part, have any questions regarding our support for the gardens taking part, or have any ideas of your own.

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Holly Hackett, Community Partnerships Fundraiser & Glorious Garden Coordinator

Alastair Redfern,
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For or against: slavery and salvation

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be 'for' or 'against'. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On October 18th, Anti-Slavery Day, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time.

Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched
- And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish.

But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. The Clewer Initiative has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper– systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

(Visit clewer.org.uk for Modern Slavery resources to help you reflect on how you can contribute to the fight against modern slavery.)

Bishop Alastair Redfern, Honorary Assistant Bishop



Wheathill Golf Club Update

Wheathill Golf Club survived the long hot summer with tireless work to keep the greens green!

Following the rain deluges in September, the whole course bounced back to vibrant green astonishingly quickly!

Membership/Pay & Play has increased considerably since Covid. Beginners are encouraged to 'have a go' and see what the club offers to those who want to learn and socialise – (see advert).

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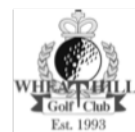
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Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall 'Autumn Clean'

The Parish Hall Management Committee would like to ask parishioners for help with an 'Autumn Clean' of the parish hall's kitchen equipment. We have recently had a tidy up in the kitchen and now need help in giving the crockery, cutlery and glassware a good, dishwasher clean, and while the cupboards are empty, we intend to give the inside of the cupboards a refresh.

If you can help, we would like you to collect some items from the hall during the afternoon **on Friday, 24th October**, take them home, run them through the dishwasher and return them to the hall on the morning of **Saturday, 25th October**.

This will give us the chance to clean all the empty cupboards overnight ready to replace the freshly cleaned crockery, cutlery and glassware.

If you can help, please would you contact Jane at chair@lydfordparishhall.org.uk or speak to any of the management committee members in person at any of the village events or gatherings.

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Parish Hall Events – October

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Wed 1st	House Communion	1:30pm	Quiet reflection in shared fellowship
Thu 2nd	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Wed 8th	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm	All Welcome, listen & participate
Mon 13th	Royal Enfield Owners Club	7:30pm	Members & guests of the Club
Tues 14h	Lydford & District Garden Club	6:00pm	GBBO contestant Gail Edwards talks baking & gardening
Thu 16th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group
Wed 22nd	Ph Management Committee	7:00pm	Planning events, maintenance and future upgrades
Thu 23rd	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group
Fri 24th	Ladies 3rd Tuesday	10.00am	Outing to Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury
	'Autumn Clean' Collection	3 - 6pm	Please Collect crockery and/or glassware to put in dishwashers
Sat 25th	'Autumn Clean' Returns	9am - 12pm	Please return clean crockery or glassware to PH

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