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Lydford Fosseway Entertainers In ...
Who Killed the Headmaster ?

December 4th, 5th and 6th

(Full details on page 16)



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

Held Saturday, 11th October in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

See all who helped make it Another Big Success!! Page 5 for full details

Grill a Vicar – Coffee & Chat

Do you have questions for clergy ?

Do you wonder about things –

faith, baptism, marriage, challenges or something else?

Jane will be in Newlands Farm Shop Cafe,
Keinton Mandeville

Wednesday, 12th November at 2:30pm

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



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Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
2nd Nov All Saints	—	Holy Communion Lydford On Fosse	4:00pm KM All Souls Holy Communion
7th Nov	Friday 10:45am Remembrance Service at Keinton Church		
9th Nov Remembrance	09:30am East Lydford at War Memorial	10:15am Remembrance at St Peter's Lydford	—
11th Nov	10:45am Remembrance at Barton St David		
16th Nov 2 before Advent	Holy communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	Tea & Talk Lydford Church 4pm Tea & Cake 4:30pm TAIZE
23rd Nov Christ the King	Holy Communion Lydford On Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	—
30th Nov Advent 1	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	4pm Christingle & Advent Star KM

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, 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 people who need lifts to Church Services. WPCT will try to assist on Sunday mornings, if this applies to you or someone you know **call 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 offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Mrs Vera FERGUSON of Castle Cary who passed away on the 27th August aged 96 years. Her funeral service took place on the 18th September followed by her burial at West Lydford church.

Mr Mark SMITH of Keinton Mandeville who passed away on the 7th September aged 49 years. His funeral took place on the 26th September at Keinton Mandeville church followed by a cremation service at Mendip Crematorium. His ashes were interred at Keinton Mandeville church on the 13th October.

Mr Graham Cox of Keinton Mandeville who passed away on the 22nd September aged 92 years. His funeral service took place on the 15th October at Keinton Mandeville church followed by cremation on the 16th October at Mendip Crematorium.

Mr Anthony BERKELEY whose ashes were interred at Keinton Mandeville church on the 16th September.

Mr Trevor JACKSON whose ashes were interred at Keinton Mandeville church on the 18th October.

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'The Story of Emily'

On holiday in October, I was fortunate to be able to visit 'The Story of Emily' about the work of Emily Hobhouse, the daughter of a Cornish Vicar. He had grown up at Hadspen House, but spent all his ministerial life in St Ives in Cornwall (near Liskard)

After the death of her father Emily became involved in campaigning for humanitarian and welfare causes, most famously the treatment of women and children in British run concentration camps during the second Boer War at the beginning of the Twentieth Century.

Like I suspect many others I had very little knowledge of how the British had acted during that war, of the Scorched Earth Policy and how people were treated in the camps created to house women and children. Thousands died, more in the black camps than the white ones and the treatment people received was not designed to help them live or the land recover from war. Emily Hobhouse campaigned for this to change, when eventually a report was produced, she was given no recognition by the British Parliament for the work that she had done, both in South Africa and in the UK.

It made me think about how we view history and war. I grew up knowing about concentration camps run by others, but not those run by the British. I know that these were different from the WWII camps, but it is still, to my mind at least, a shameful episode in this nation's history.

The other response that I had was to Emily's motivation. She grew up in a Vicarage, no doubt weekly worship was a part of her life, at least while she lived with her father.

The exhibition tells us nothing of a faith motivation in adult life, but I read Jesus' reminder in Matthew's Gospel:

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.'

14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven'.
(Matthew 5:12-16)

I wonder how I respond today to the inequalities that I see, to the ongoing effect of war and violence that causes people to have to flee their own land and those who need others to speak up on their behalf?

I wonder too if I live as Salt and Light in the world and community around? I wonder what questions Emily's life raises for you?

This month we remember those who gave their lives in war, but maybe too we can remember those whose lives were, and still are, affected by the treatment they receive at the hands of others and respond with compassion towards them, as we live as salt and light in our communities.

Best wishes,
Jane

All Souls

Our Annual All Souls Commemoration for those whom we have loved but see no more is on **Sunday, 2nd November at 4:00pm in Keinton Mandeville**. All welcome regardless of how long ago your friend or family member died. There will be the opportunity to remember them by name and light a candle if you wish.



**Annual Christingle and Advent Star Service is on
30th November at 4:00pm in Keinton Mandeville Church.**



From the Registers

We welcome into the Lord's Family :

Olivia Martha GOLLEDGE who was baptised on Sunday, 21st September 2025 at Keinton Mandeville church.





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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

Our recent talk by Adam North on the Agronomics of farming in our local area was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend – and there may be a repeat performance for those who couldn't make it.

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, Wild Gardening and the importance of dark skies.

If you have any expertise on an environmentally – related topic (or know someone else who has) do let us know; we are always on the look-out for new speakers.

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.

Residents participation

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.

Eco-Church Award

KEG would like to add our congratulations to the Keinton Mandeville with Kingweston PCC for achieving their Silver Eco-Church Award.

If you'd like to help or take part in any of this work do let KEG know using either of the links below and do keep an eye on our Facebook page for details forthcoming events.

KEG 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 10th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall*. 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 few months are Wednesdays on November 12th, December 17th, January 14th, February 11th and March 11th all between 10:00am & 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 Church Openers – November 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 26 th Oct – Sunday 2 nd Nov	Neill Thomas	223613
Sunday 2 nd Nov – Sunday 9 th	Graham & Lynne Poulton	07718125505
–	–	or 07866279447
Sunday 9 th Nov – Sunday 16 th	Larry Hennessy	07777680088
Sunday 16 th Nov – Sunday 23 rd	Jo & Chris Tripp	07756314290
Sunday 23 rd Nov – Sunday 30 th	Alan Lines	07919161501
Sunday 30 th Nov – Sunday 7 th Dec	John Walker	223617

Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast Committee would like to say an *enormous thank you to everyone who supported the Big Breakfast 2025 !!*

A particular thank you must go to our very generous food sponsors...

VJ at Keinton Stores; AJ and Helen Hashmi; Home Farm at Kingweston; Westfield Dairies; Sourdown Farm; The Egg Shed; Andrew and Helen Paradise; Burns the Bread and MCH Installations Ltd.

Thanks also: to Mary and Julie for making 150 scones and to all the volunteers who helped behind the scenes to set up, clear up, wash up and to those who helped on the stalls. The children from Keinton Mandeville School did a wonderful job calling out the breakfast numbers and serving! Thank you, as well, to KM Netball Club who leafleted and to KYAG and Barton St David Scout Group for collecting tombola prizes.

Thank you also to all the local businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes, tombola prizes and came along on the day either to enjoy a delicious breakfast or cream tea (or both!).

Without the support from our community the Big Breakfast couldn't be the occasion that it is. There was a wonderful 'buzz' in the hall as people chatted with people they knew and those that they didn't know! The hall looked lovely with tables adorned by *beautiful flower arrangements donated by Belinda Simson* which were later auctioned. The amazing kitchen team comprising the cooks, Tracy, Hugh, Sarah, David and Mary and the platers up, Steph, Catherine and Sarah cooked and served more than 370 breakfasts.

Altogether, the charity stalls collectively took **£2,225.90** and the **Big Breakfast** including the cream teas, raffle, tombola, quiz, Bucks Fizz and tea table took **£7,395.42**. This is a phenomenal amount of money made possible by the generosity of so many and the incredible support from the community.

Although we have some costs to pay out of this total the great news is that *the Big Breakfast's net income is about £700 more than last year*. Thank you all so much for helping to make this such an incredible total. In the December Parish Magazine, we will let you know how the money has been allocated.

Many thanks to everyone who had a go at the quiz and *thank you to Trevor Ryder for writing it!* It was won by Cox's Crew... very well done.

If you would like a copy of the raffle prize winners, please contact us on keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com Once again, an enormous thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Big Breakfast the success it was.

The Big Breakfast Committee



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.

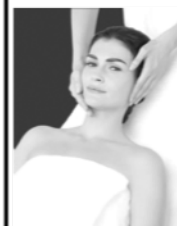
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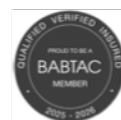
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Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Management Committee warmly invites everyone to join us for a relaxed and sociable

**Christmas Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall on
Saturday, 29th November between 10:00am and 12 noon.**

Alongside freshly brewed coffee, there will be mulled wine, mince pies, and other tempting home bakes to enjoy.

This event should not only be a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours, but also aims to raise funds to replace the hall's ageing amplifier and other audio-visual equipment – helping us keep the Parish Hall at the heart of village life for years to come.

We'll also be holding a raffle, with some excellent prizes kindly donated by local businesses. In addition, a few local residents have been offered the opportunity to have small stalls – so there may be some delightful items to browse and buy on the day. We especially encourage newcomers to the village to come along and say hello – you'll be most welcome. Entry is free, and all are welcome.

If you'd like to contribute a prize to the raffle or know more, please 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.

Parish Hall Events – November

Sun 2nd Mon 3rd	Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal	4 - 6pm 6 - 8pm	Preparations for "Whodunnit" Preparations for "Whodunnit"
Thu 6th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Fri 7th Sun 9th	Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal	6 - 8pm 4 - 6pm	Preparations for "Whodunnit" Preparations for "Whodunnit"
Mon 10th	Royal Enfield Owners Club	7:30pm	Members & guests of the Club
Tues 11th	Lydford & District Garden Club	7:00pm	AGM, Arthur Cole - the Newt , a Journey of 3 Centuries
Wed 12th	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm	All welcome to listen & participate in discussions
Thu 13th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group
Fri 14th Sun 16th Mon 17th	Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal	6 - 8pm 4 - 6pm 6 - 8pm	Preparations for "Whodunnit" Preparations for "Whodunnit" Preparations for "Whodunnit"
Tues 18th	Ladies 3rd Tuesday group	7.30pm	"Sailing around Great Britain"
Thu 20th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Fri 21st Sun 23rd Mon 24th	Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal	6 - 8pm 4 - 6pm 6 - 8pm	Preparations for "Whodunnit" Preparations for "Whodunnit" Preparations for "Whodunnit"
Thu 27th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group
Fri 28th	Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal	6 - 8pm	Preparations for "Whodunnit"
Sat 29th	Christmas Coffee Morning	10 -12	Mince pies, mulled wine, raffle, stalls, all welcome
Sun 28th	Fosseway Entertainers rehearsal		



Wheathill Benefice Choir

'The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young, the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung.' (Phillips Brooks)

After singing at the Harvest service, which was followed by a delicious Harvest Lunch in Keinton Village Hall, and then on Remembrance Sunday service at St Peter's, Lydford, the Benefice Choir is now rehearsing for a number of Carol services and sung services in the Benefice churches over the Christmas period.

You can hear the choir at the *Carers' social group coffee morning in Keinton Village Hall at 11:00am on Wednesday, 3rd December*. The choir then plans to sing carols at Castle House and for the Benefice Carol Service.

On 24th December the **'Midnight in Jerusalem'** service is at 21:30pm in Keinton, and on **Christmas Day the family service is at 10:30am in Lydford**.

If you would like to come and sing, especially over the Christmas period, or if you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact -

Rachel Willcox (r.kaywillcox@gmail.com);
Claire Harding (betweenlanes@live.co.uk)
 or **Rev Jane Durham** (rev.jane.durham@gmail.com)

We would be very glad to hear from you.



Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

kmpcclerk@gmail.com www.keintonmandevillepc.org.uk

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The next Parish Council Meetings are on Tuesday, 4th November and Tuesday, 2nd December 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.

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. A judicial review is being considered and the preliminary steps are currently in process. A Pre Pre Action letter has been submitted to Somerset Council and the parish council and SHOCK are awaiting a response.

Walking with dogs

Just a quick reminder that residents and visitors need to be considerate of their dogs when near other members of the public.

Cutting back of hedges

Please can residents keep these cut back so that the pavements are easy for people to use.

Kaye Elston, Clerk to Keinton Mandeville 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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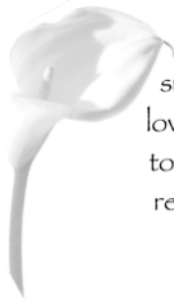
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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse (Services listed on page 2)

Dates to note in the coming month are:-

Saturday 8th November – Churchyard Tidy from 10:00am – 12 noon

There are hedges to trim, banks to clear and some trees to prune. If you would like to help please come and a job will be found for you. Some tools will be provided though if you have strimmers, hedge cutters or secateurs do bring them with you. There was a great turn out last year which made it a working and social morning. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

There will be short Service **at the East Lydford War Memorial at 9:30am**. Many thanks to Tim Anderson for leading this Service.

Remembrance service in St Peter's at 10:15am culminating with the two minutes silence and laying of wreaths at the West Lydford War Memorial.

Please note the car park will be closed that morning with the exception of disabled parking.

Sunday, 16th November – Tea and Talk at 4:00pm

This month we are holding a 'Taize' in the Church. A 'Taize' Service consists of simple scriptures, singing of chants and prayer with quiet moments for meditation.

People may be familiar with one or two 'Taize' chants like **O Lord, Hear my Prayer**. They come from the ecumenical community of the little village of 'Taize' in France where thousands of young people gather for a week of study, prayer and fellowship since the community was founded by Brother Roger after the Second World War.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael, takes a party there every summer. A small team of musicians have been invited to give us the opportunity to experience 'Taize' worship here in our Benefice. The times are slightly different to usual. If you would like to familiarise yourself with the music they will be running through the songs from 3:30pm please come along.

Tea and cake will be available for everyone at about 4:00pm with the worship starting at 4.30p.m. The worship will last between thirty to forty minutes. Other village churches have found it helpful, moving, refreshing and restorative – we trust we will find the same. A lovely way to sing and to focus on God as the evenings draw in.

Wednesday 10th December

House Communion in the Parish Hall at 3.00pm

All in the village and Benefice are welcome to this short service of Holy Communion followed by a chat with friends and afternoon tea.

Thursday Mornings

Short Service of Spoken Morning Prayer at 09:00am

This Service lasts approximately fifteen minutes and anyone is welcome to come along.

Thank You

Thank you to those who came to the **Harvest Supper on the 9th September**. It was a really lovely evening on which to hold a harvest supper. The Tithe Barn location was ideal and many thanks are extended Marty and Lauren for letting us use the Barn. Special thanks must go to Megan for organising and preparing the delicious supper. All the people who worked in the background – thank you. It brought a lot of villagers together – a real community event.

It was also very successful financially raising £1808 which will be divided equally between new sustainable heating for the Church and Help the Homeless which is a Charity Megan has been involved with.

Gift Week

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Gift Week which was as usual raising money towards the upkeep of the Church, Churchyard and Car Park. *Donations received so far have raised over £1000.* We do our best to keep the area tidy, the Church in good repair so that it is a pleasure for people to visit.

We are being asked by the Diocese to add more wild areas to the churchyards to be more ecologically friendly. This we are looking into and will keep you informed. *For the all above we cannot thank everyone enough.*

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 on *Wednesday 12th November at 7:00pm*.

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council (PC) met on 8th October in the Parish Hall. Among the issues discussed were:

- **PC Vacancy** - The current vacancy for a Councillor. Any members of the Parish who would like to learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Councillor should contact the Clerk at clerk@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk
- **New Dog Waste Bin** - The PC has installed a new dog waste bin at the top of Church Lane in East Lydford to counter the problems caused by dog walkers who don't currently clear up after their dogs.
- **Bleed Kits** - Two new bleed kits have now been installed in the Parish – one by the bridge in West Lydford, and one by the junction of the A37 and the B3153.
- **Blocked Pavements** - *The hazard caused by inconsiderate parking which blocks a pavement, causing pedestrians to enter the road, is unfortunately a recurring hazard in our Parish. Avon and Somerset Police have been consulted and they have asked that all such offences be reported to them. You can do so by calling them on 101, the non-emergency Police telephone number. However, their preferred method of receiving reports is using their online general enquiries form, which you can find at <https://www.avonand-somerset.police.uk/forms/gef>, because this allows photos to be uploaded which provides them with very helpful evidence of an offence. Where there is evidence of a persistent problem, they will tow away offending vehicles.*
- **Next Meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm on *Wednesday, 12th November*.

NB. Please note that there will not be an ordinary meeting of the PC in 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

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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!

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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

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Anne Fleming



Lydford and District Gardening Club

The flowers surrounding the War Memorial in the car park for the Church and Parish Hall down by the Brue in West Lydford are still going strong. Just about. They have done remarkably well over the summer, especially considering the relative lack of soil in their planting area and the hot and dry conditions which have prevailed for most of the time since they were installed.

Their success has been due in large part to the efforts of the small group of people who have nurtured them over the past months. **'Thanks'** cannot be drunk or eaten or placed in a trophy cabinet. They cannot be worn as a badge or traded on a market like some unsophisticated virtual commodity. Thus they may not be tangible but they can be genuine and heartfelt and consequently huge thanks are due to those who have made a great effort this summer to make things a little brighter and better for others. *Naomi, Juliette and Mark, Sally, Ralph, Dave and Lizzie, Lynne and Neil and Pippa* you have been brilliant and next time you catch me in the Cross Keys with that rarest of creatures, an unlocked wallet, a small half will be yours for the asking.

The varieties of flowers which have featured on centre stage down by the river have been stocks, snapdragons, geraniums and small flowered bedding begonias. The latter have been amazingly floriferous, both around the Memorial and in the trough outside the Church door. They may not be many people's favourite flower but they have done an excellent job and fully earned their place in this year's hall of fame.

Rather like the Stoke City side between the years 2008 and 2018, largely under the direction of the revered Tony Pulis, small begonias might not be the prettiest plant in the garden but in terms of effect and achievement they rank very highly indeed! The stocks shone brightly and briefly and the geraniums and snapdragons have been stalwarts through the second half of the season adding a little pleasure to all who saw them.

And then we come to the tricky bit. The beds really do need clearing and replanting with something suitable for the winter, yet many of the old plants are still doing a good job! Should they be scrubbed out whilst flowering and cast aside for new but less impressive varieties. A similar situation occurred in North Staffordshire and Mr. Pulis was replaced by Mark Hughes. Premiership status was retained for a few years but the magic had dimmed a little. The next lot of bedding has a hard act to follow!

October Meeting

Carole Edwards was poorly and could not attend her appointment as the speaker at the October meeting of the Gardening Club. There ought to be a support group for organisation secretaries throughout the world who are tasked with arranging substitutes for speakers who are unable to fulfil their commitments. Stress may be an overused word these days but trying to find alternatives at short notice is not easy. A helpline offering soothing music and lots of suitable phone numbers would make life much more bearable. However, even without such a comfort a replacement was found and **Sam Wadey informed and entertained by talking about and displaying succulents.**

These background members of the plant world rarely take centre stage yet appeared quite fascinating. Rather like a defensive midfield player tasked with protecting the back four, they are not in any way obvious yet definitely worthy of a mention. If you are lucky enough to access *'The Newt'* at any time, pay more attention to the plants in the greenhouse with the fish and papyrus. Some, if not most of them will be succulents.

Late autumn is A.G.M. time

Meeting annually to discuss general matters appears to be the norm for November in many organisations. The weather is poor, nights are dark and early, television is patchy at best so why not provide a meeting instead. At least the biscuits will be exceptional and the worst that can happen is that you might get elected to a committee. Something to go on the C.V.!

At great expense, Arthur Cole will also be on hand to talk about **'The Newt'**. More seed discount order forms will be available and there will be Christmas Dinner menus, over which to drool. **Tuesday 11th November is the date for your diaries.**

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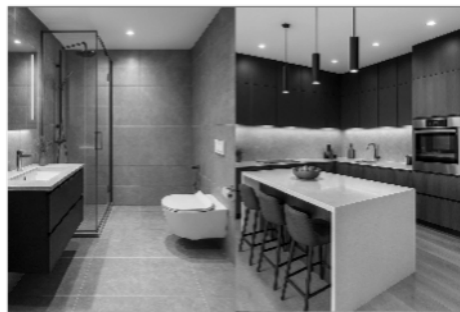
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Harvest Festival

Sadly our Harvest Festival was cancelled this year, but any gifts of non-perishable foods will be gratefully accepted for the Lord's Larder – Thank you!

Talks and Supper

The new season of talks began on Oct 9th... An enlightening personal recollection on the *Cultural Revolution in China and the implications for Hong Kong*. Thank you Douglas!

And thanks must also go to the catering team for the delicious supper, the bar staff and all those who helped in anyway, including those who came to enjoy the evening, we truly appreciate your support!!

The next talk will be on Thursday, 27th November with a 7:00pm for 7:30pm start, when Trevor Ryder will be leading a musical evening, *'Fingers and Banjos'*, this will include various instruments including, guitar, banjo, ukulele and more...

Stop Press

On Thursday, 18th December Neill Thomas will be talking about his time as a Harrier pilot during the Falklands war, in 1982. BOOK EARLY!!

Regular Groups

Knit & Natter Group

Just a reminder that the 'Knit and Natter' ladies meet on Mondays afternoons from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. All are welcome to join this friendly, fun and talented group!

Toddlers Group

Toddlers get together on a Tuesday morning, 10:00am – 12noon. All welcome to come and join the group for a coffee and a chat.

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

There was no Meeting in September

Next Meeting

"Sailing Around Great Britain" - A talk by Mark Pilgrim held on -

Tuesday, November 18th at 7:30pm in Lydford Parish Hall

Mark will tell us about the highs and lows of his adventurous 2 month and 2,000 mile voyage sailing around Great Britain with friends in a 34-foot sailing yacht.

This will be an OPEN meeting - **all welcome to attend** - men, women & children. £3 per visitor

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

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Stay safe and secure this autumn

As autumn settles in and the nights grow longer, there is often a rise in burglaries. We need to remain vigilant as we turn our clocks back and acknowledge the heightened vulnerability of our homes.

Autumn is notorious for witnessing a spike in residential burglaries. By implementing a few simple and straightforward measures, we can greatly reduce the likelihood of becoming victims of such crimes amidst the diminishing daylight hours.

- When you settle down for the evening to watch TV make sure that your doors and windows are locked.
- Don't advertise your absence from home on social media.
- Keep your car keys out of sight and in a secure place. Avoid leaving spare keys in obvious hiding places.
- Secure outbuildings such as sheds and garages with sturdy locks and check regularly.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed in the evenings to prevent visibility into your home. Use timers to turn on lights or radios to create the illusion of someone being at home. You can even wave and call goodbye to the empty house to make it look as if there's someone left at home!
- Make a list of emergency contacts just in case something does happen – family contact details, plumber, locksmith, electrician, glazier etc.

Helpful tips if there is a power cut due to severe weather! Who knows what the winter has in store for us so think ahead!

- **It doesn't matter who you buy your electricity from anyone can call 105 for free and you will be connected to your local network operator for up to date information**
- Leave a light switched on so you know when the power returns
- Limit the use of your smart phone, tablet or laptop to save the battery power
- Avoid opening your freezer door
- Turn off and unplug any sensitive equipment such as TV's and computers, protect such equipment with surge protection plugs
- Unplug appliances that get hot - you may forget they are on when the power returns
- Keep battery/wind up torches at the ready
- Many modern telephones won't work during a power cut so use an analogue phone that can be plugged into a telephone socket
- Make sure you have a charged battery charger handy so you can recharge your smart phone or tablet
- Check on elderly and vulnerable neighbours
- When power cuts are threatened fill a flask with hot water so you can make a drink or fill a hot water bottle.



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This ranged from the balloonists of the late 18th century right through to Helen Sharman's adventures in space.

Future Meetings

Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm: Susie Simmons
"The Southwest Heritage Trust and its Museums of Somerset"

Thursday 4th December at 7.30pm: Jill Lawson "Making Faces at the BBC"
 Jill, one of our members, was a make-up artist at the BBC and will share some of her experiences of making up some well-known figures!

We will celebrate the festive season with mulled wine and mince pies after the talk (*cash donations please*).

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Lets walk into the Light

A story that's often told in our churches comes from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. It tells of Jesus, in the blinding heat of midday meeting a Samaritan woman at the well in a town called Sychar.

The woman is hoisting up heavy buckets of water in the hot sun. She's there because she's a woman with 'a reputation' and it's the only time of day she can avoid the muttering of her neighbours who meet at the well at cooler hours.

In an extraordinary encounter, Jesus sees deep into the woman's heart. Through their conversation Jesus brings about her healing and restoration into the community from which she is estranged. It's a story of life, possibility, new beginnings and forgiveness.

The woman at the well is not the only Biblical story set in Sychar. There's another, contained in the 34th chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is a tale of terror that's never heard in our churches; the rape of a girl called Dinah. It's a dark, nasty tale of violence that wrecks the life of individuals, families and the entire community. So we don't speak about it. We keep it hidden.

Sometimes people say to me of safeguarding 'It's just a tick box exercise', an onerous compliance requirement. Rather I would say that our work in safeguarding asks fundamental questions about the kind of places we want our churches to be. Just like the Bible passages I've mentioned, we can be places of hiddenness, silence, and hurt. Or places of life, new beginnings and restoration.

Accounts like the Makin review have shone light on our story. We've also been working hard to bring about change. While we cannot be complacent, I am intensely proud of all that was revealed about safeguarding in Bath and Wells by our independent audit that happened earlier this year. This told us that we are moving towards a much better story. So let's build on the momentum we have created. Let's walk into the light

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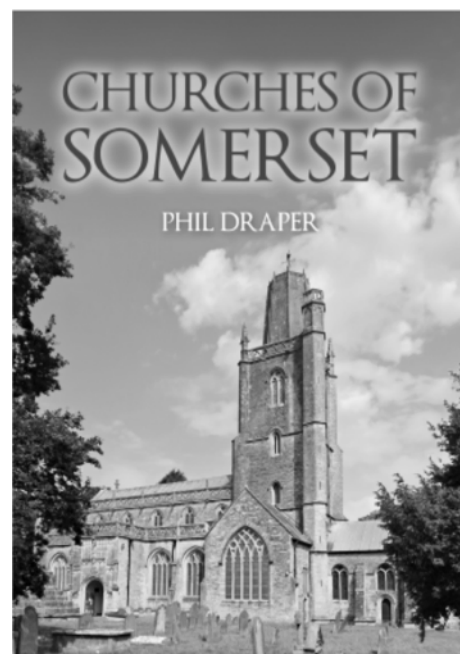
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On behalf of Amberley Publishing the local history publishers,
I wanted to draw to your attention our new book **Churches of Somerset** which is due out this month. Please find attached details about the book, which features **All Saints**.

"Somerset is renowned for its churches, many of which were built on the wealth of the wool industry in this area in the Middle Ages. Bath, Glastonbury and Wells were powerful ecclesiastical centres in this period, but there are many fascinating and beautiful churches to be found throughout the county's towns and villages, whether small and humble, grand or unusual. They are found in a wide variety of landscapes, from the Mendip and Quantock hills, Exmoor, the Bristol Channel coastline and the edge of Bristol to the flat, marshy areas of the Levels and agricultural river valleys. The distinctive Somerset church towers can be seen throughout the county and often a wealth of medieval carving welcomes the visitor."

The other churches closest to Wheathill Benefice which are also in the book, are St Andrew's in Compton Dundon, and St John's in Glastonbury. When the book is published it will be available in bookshops and we'll be doing our best to get it into museums and heritage sites across the county. It will also be available to order online from Amazon or via our website: - www.amberley-books.com and in E-book format as well for people with Kindles.



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Tickets are now on sale from Jane F (West Lydford), Neil M (East Lydford) and Lali S (by the crossroads), or by calling Rachel Garrett on 07888 697039.

Doors open at 7:00pm

with performances starting at 07:30pm and lasting around 2 hours.

**Shows will take place on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th
and Saturday, 6th of December in Lydford Parish Hall.**

Keinton Mandeville WI

On 16th October meeting we visited Long Sutton WI for the second of our twice-yearly joint meetings. We were given a warm welcome and heard a fascinating presentation all about *Women and Flying Machines* and featured the important (but not always appreciated) role women have played in aviation history.

All was followed by some tasty refreshments!

Next Meeting

For our 20th November meeting, we will be back at Barton St David Village Hall, with a change in programme, to hear Matthew Hall, Consultant knee and hip Surgical Specialist, speak about his work.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month,

Except for our Christmas party,

which is held on the 2nd Thursday (11th December).

We have been delighted to welcome new members and visitors to recent meetings.

You are very welcome to attend any of our meetings to see what we get up to!

Please contact Sarah at: secretaryknwi@gmail.com

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The Parish Magazine continues in its printed form but will also be available on the Benefice Website: wheathill.org plus linked via kingweston.net and via lydfordonfosse.co.uk as well as on the village website bartonstdavid.org.uk also copies are emailed to contacts on Facebook.

We are continuing to deliver a free copy to every house in the villages of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford on Fosse and Wheathill by our much valued volunteers.

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