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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,

Keinton Mandeville

On

Thursday, 18th June at 2:30pm

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



Dates to Note:

03/6 Home Communion;
05/6 Moviola Lydford;
06/6 Pims & Ploughmans,
21/6 Open Gardens KM
27/6 KM First Aid Training
28/6 St Peter's Patronal BBQ

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We're learning about some of the people that Jesus met and going to be going outdoors as much as possible. All Primary School aged children welcome – (including those about to start).

Deadline for COMBINED JULY/AUGUST 2026 magazine **09:00 am Thursday 18th JUNE**

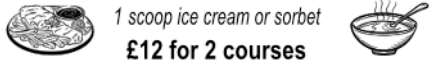
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Wheathill Benefice Church Services – June 2026

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
7th June Trinity 1	Morning Prayer Keinton	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	
14th June Trinity 2	10:30 am Benefice Holy Communion, Keinton Mandeville		
21st June Trinity 3	Holy Communion Barton St David	—	1:00pm – 5:00pm Open Gardens Keinton
28th June Trinity 4	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	4:00pm Keinton Faith 'n Fun

Hello

Each month I go to **Newlands Farm**, in Keinton Mandeville in case anyone wants to come and '**Grill a Vicar**'!

Grill a Vicar is intended to be an opportunity for anyone to come and talk. You may wonder how to have a child baptised/christened, or get married.

Maybe you want to think about faith, or why is there so much suffering? Or how to be buried in one of our churchyards or something else. I won't necessarily know the answers, but we can discuss the situation or challenge and maybe gain some new insights.

It is of course always possible to ring me up or email (*contact details at the top of page 1*), but this is another opportunity. I also try to attend the POPin Coffee Morning in Lydford if other commitments allow. If your question is private or personal then we can arrange a time to follow up at a later stage. *June's date is Thursday 18th June at 2:30pm.* The tea/coffee is on us, so why not come down!

There are other opportunities to gather this month with the : –

***Pimms and Ploughman's event in Barton St David on June 6th,
Keinton's Open Gardens on 21st June and
Lydford's Patronal Festival and BBQ on June 28th.***

Holiday Club

We're planning our holiday club for August which we're looking forward to. We're going to focus on some stories told through *Open the Book*, and exploring the world outdoors in a local garden. If you have primary or about to start primary school children why not note the dates (*18th, 19th, 20th August from 10:00am - 12:00pm.* All welcome starting and finishing in the Methodist Chapel.

We look forward to seeing you on any of these occasions.

Best wishes,
Jane

Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – June 2026

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you.

If anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 31 st May – Sunday 7 th June	Sue Baker	223344
Sunday 7 th June – Sunday 14 th	Sandra & Chris Weigh	224696
Sunday 14 th June – Sunday 21 st	Anthea Walton	223500
Sunday 21 st June – Sunday 28 th	Alan Lines	07919161501

From the Registers

We welcome into the Lord's Family :

Milly Rose SIMS who was Baptised on 26th April 2026 in Barton St David church;
Olivia SCHIFFER who was Baptised on 1st May 2026 in Keinton Mandeville Church.



Benefice Churches – Churches open for private prayer

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston are now all open daily for private prayer **with the exception for Lydford** during the period mid-June to mid-September it is closed except for services due to issues with usage of the neighbouring river Brue.

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!*

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: These are *Wednesdays: June 10th; July 15th; August 19th and September 16th 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

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

Barton Plant Sale, 16th May 2026



Dear Friends and Supporters,



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along to support our **Barton Church Plant Sale fundraiser on 16th May**. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, **we raised an amazing £2,332 for the church.**

We are incredibly grateful to all those who donated plants, cakes, bric-a-brac, and so many other items, as well as to everyone who helped organise, set up, serve, and clear away afterwards. Every contribution, big or small, helped make the day such a wonderful success.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We simply could not have raised this fantastic amount of money without your kindness and support.

It was a lovely community occasion, and we truly appreciate the time, effort, and generosity shown by so many people.

Like all Parish Churches, we wholly rely on the kind donations, generosity and fundraising efforts from our parishioners and local supporters. Continued and ongoing support goes a long way to maintain our little church, the graveyard and our village heritage.

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With sincere thanks, Barton PCC



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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

KEG's theme and target for this year is "Adding Natural Colour to Keinton" and we would welcome ideas, possible sites and volunteers to help us achieve this. We would particularly like to work in co-operation with other groups in the village, including the School, gardeners and anyone else interested in making Keinton a more colourful, healthy and pleasant environment in which to work and live

Community Planning Alliance

Last month we told you about a new organisation *The Community Planning Alliance* which is co-ordinating a national scheme to identify green spaces which communities feel should be protected. You can either contact KEG to nominate green spaces in and around Keinton or you can nominate such areas yourself by logging on to <https://community.planningalliance.org/>.

By the time you read this, members of KEG will already have identified areas of the village which we believe are worthy of being put forward for conservation, but no doubt you will have your own ideas. The more people who contribute, the more weight our suggestions will carry.

Hedgehogs

It is very pleasing that reports of sightings of hedgehogs in gardens in the village seem to be on the increase – with some reports of families of these delightful animals. With the new 20 mph speed limit in the centre of the village there is a greater chance hedgehogs will survive – but only if drivers stick to the limit. Please encourage friends and neighbours to drive slowly; not only is this good for wildlife, it also reduces noise and air pollution making our village a more pleasant environment in which to live.

Meetings

Our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people involved in what we do. KEG's meetings are usually on the second Wednesday of each month and the *next one will be in the Quarry Inn on 10th June, starting at 6.00pm.*

Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk

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

Save the Date!

Saturday 24th October

7:30 pm in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

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Shanty Night

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Keinton Mandeville Meet Up (includes surrounding villages)



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

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

Where: Keinton Mandeville Village Hall TA11 6ES.

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

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

Keinton Mandeville SHOCK Update – Our work continues:

SHOCK (*Stop Housing Obliterating the Character of Keinton*) was established in early 2022. Its purpose was to prevent planning permission being granted for a 120-house estate on productive agricultural land beyond the village's western boundary; a development of significant size, irreversibly harming the character of Keinton Mandeville, overwhelming existing infrastructure and services to the detriment of local residents.

Despite strong policy arguments, sizeable community objections and convincing supporting evidence, in June 2025, Planning Committee South voted by a slim margin (*including our local councillor TK*) to approve a slightly scaled down and revised design for LVA's estate.

In response, SHOCK took the initiative to explore a Judicial Review aiming to overturn the planning decision, with the full support of the Parish Council, who ultimately own the review.

Legal advice indicates there is a worthwhile case for a judicial review, and SHOCK has led the way in fund-raising to meet the litigation costs and preparing the legal arguments in support. At the time of writing, we still await the formal decision of Somerset Council which triggers the Judicial Review process, recent signs of activity indicate Somerset Council are aware of SHOCK's activities and the continued disquiet amongst local residents.

2025/26 is the fourth full year of SHOCK's existence and huge amounts of time, effort and expertise have been diverted to its cause by village members. SHOCK has been fortunate to replenish itself with new and returning residents much in evidence at the coal face. For the last 4 years SHOCK's 10 members have met monthly and between times, often working full-time against the LVA development.

To expand our influence and impact, *SHOCK's latest initiative is to create a Somerset-wide coalition of parish councils and community groups* as a mutual support/lobbying entity and as a vehicle to influence the Somerset Local Plan due for implementation in 2029. **SCRAPP** (*Somerset Communities Raging Against Poor Planning*) came into being in April and is already starting to make its presence felt via additional political and media activities.

Undoubtedly, Somerset needs more homes, but these need to be of the right kind, in the right location and reflect local needs. To make this happen a fit for purpose planning process is required that is based on effective community engagement, respects the unique rural character of Somerset and secures investment up front in local infrastructure and services to meet extra needs.

For further information or to donate towards the cost of the judicial review please visit our website www.kmshock.org or follow us on Facebook.



Why not consider Keinton Mandeville Village Hall as your venue? Favourable rates for local residents, *so why not hire it for your special event - a party, wedding reception, exhibition, fund-raising activity, meeting or social gathering.*

Visit our website <https://keintonmandevillevh.co.uk/> to see what's planned, check our bookings calendar for hall vacancies, or get in touch via kmvillagehall@gmail.com or with any of the hall Trustees for more information.

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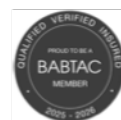
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Barton Friday Afternoon Table Tennis in the Village Hall

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Our sessions for this season will **finish on Friday, 19th June**. We will begin again on **Friday, 4th September**.

Thank you to all those players who make our table tennis games so enjoyable. Have a relaxing time during the summer. All enquiries, please contact Elaine on (01458) 850465 or: esbalcombe@googlemail.com

Barton St David History Club

In May Janet Seaton from Langport & District History Society thoroughly entertained us with a detailed History of Town Criers, their functions, various methods of gaining attention, regalia, and changing objectives over the years.

Future meetings in Barton St David Village Hall

We will have one more meeting before our summer break:

Thursday, 11th June at 7:30pm - Helen Baggott "The Postcard Detective" makes a return visit to Barton by popular request and will take us back in time with her talk on "The Mayflower Connection"

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Wheathill Benefice Choir

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Albert Einstein

Members of the Benefice Choir were delighted to get together to sing for two services in May, ably supported by Carole Oakes.

The Benefice Choir is still looking for a musical director, that special person who is an occasional organist and could also lead the choir, so if you think you can help, 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)

We would be very glad to hear from you.

Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

We are a volunteer driving service for the residents of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St. David. If you are a resident of our villages, do not drive or have your own transport, or you find public transport (*if it is available*) difficult to access, you may be eligible to use our Community Transport Scheme for journeys up to 25 miles each way to:

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

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

We are always interested in drivers who can spare a few hours a month to join our team, if you would like to help please call our coordinator on the above number.

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Knit & 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 details please contact Emma Stevens 01458 223344.

Welcome and POPin Cafe Tuesday 23rd June in Lydford Parish Hall From 10:30am to 12 midday

This month we are continuing our coffee mornings with coffee/tea (decaff available) and homemade biscuits or cakes (gluten-free also available).

Everyone is welcome, so please come along to enjoy our delicious offerings, have a chat and perhaps take away a book or two from the selection offered.

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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

The church services are on page two of the magazine

House Communion 3rd June

The next House Communion is at 3pm on the 3rd June in Lydford hall.

All from the Benefice are most welcome to come to this short service followed by tea, cakes and a time to chat.

The Service is held at this time to give those who are unable to get to Church on a Sunday a chance to attend a Holy Communion Service and meet up with others in our community. Should you need a lift please contact Ralph Berry on 01963 240164.

Patronal Festival BBQ on Sunday 28th June

St Peters Patronal festival takes place this year on Sunday 28th June. There will be the usual BBQ in the churchyard after the 10:30am Holy Communion service. Starting from 11:45am, there will be burgers, sausages and salads plus a sweet available and a bar, *with donations welcomed towards church maintenance funds.* Non church goers are very welcome to this community event, particularly those whose support helps to keep St Peters church in good repair.

Water into Wine on Saturday, 11th July

St Peters PCC will again have a *Water into Wine* stall at the Lydford Fun Day at the Lydford Sports Club, which has proved very popular in previous years.

Afternoon Teas to be held 26th July; 9th August and 23rd August

St Peters PCC will be serving afternoon teas

in the Parish Hall from 3:00pm until 4:30pm on the above dates

to help raise funds for church maintenance and especially the up-dating of the heating system in the church.

Members of the local community and passers by are most welcome.

Completion of the works on the Bells

The bell headstocks of two of the bells together with all the clappers were reinstalled on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th May. Very many thanks to all those who donated to this essential maintenance work being carried out, to enable the bells to ring out over the river Brue again. *Also thank you to the helpers who assisted in removing the headstocks and replacing them again, we would not have managed without you.*

Church opening suspended mid-June to mid-September

The church is opened daily for visiting, private prayer and contemplation from mid September until mid June each year. *During the period mid-June to mid-September it is closed except for services, due to issues with usage of the neighbouring river Brue.*

Date for the Diary:

Lydford Harvest Supper on Friday 18th September

The PCC will be repeating the success of the last years Harvest Supper with the event being held –

On the evening of Friday, 18th September

In the Tythe Barn at Huntswell House

by kind permission of Marty and Lauren Starkey.

Further details will be in the next Parish Magazine.

Tickets will be £25 each.

The Committee

Lydford Scrapbags

Are you interested in joining a group for: ...

Sewing, quilting, dressmaking or embroidery; also you could do knitting crochet macramé bobbin lace etc.?

We meet in the Parish Hall, West Lydford, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month between 2:00pm – 4:00pm

For which we all pay a small fee.

My contact details are: Phone: 01963 240435 or 07484 612828

Email: annefleming1@btinternet.com

Anne Fleming



Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

Next LoF PC meeting will take place in Lydford Parish Hall

on Wednesday, 10th June, starting at 7:00pm.

At the May meeting of the Parish Council (the AGM) the current Chair and Vice-Chair were re-elected and councillors agreed to retain their current portfolios. The remaining vacancy on the PC means that some councillors are holding more than one portfolio which is recognised as being an unsustainable position.

One planning application was considered

After due consideration of the proposal's impact on the privacy of an immediately adjacent dwelling and its potential to worsen localised flooding due to surface water run-off, the PC agreed to recommend that the application be rejected.

Impending Planning Reforms

The Chair outlined the significant Adverse Impact These Reforms could have on rural communities such as Lydford on Fosse, and explained that developing a Neighbourhood Plan would be the best way to influence future planning decisions that affect our community.

A recent fly-tipping incident at Pilton

This highlighted that householders and businesses need to understand that they are responsible for ensuring that any waste from their location is disposed of legally by appropriately qualified tradesmen.

Copper Landlines being Switched off

Parishioners were advised that these will be switched off across the county by January 2027. Anyone who is reliant on one for communications, emergency alarms, etc., should start to consider switching to a digital provider.

More information available on the Parish website in 'SC Snippets - May'.

Lydford on Fosse Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Imminent Planning Reforms to help the Government achieve its house building targets will significantly change how development decisions are made. The immediate challenge will be caused by a 41% increase in Somerset Council's housing requirement – that means that the current 5-year housing supply now has a shortfall.

The new planning regime will establish that where such shortfalls exist, a 'tilted balance' in favour of development will be presumed.

In other words, it will be difficult to reject even the most inappropriate developments. Furthermore, to simplify the planning process, **the Government will bring in standardised policies nationally.** This means that Somerset will no longer set its own planning policies that reflect the various needs of its rural and urban communities. Communities like ours will become subject to the same approach used in towns and cities.

If we want to maintain some influence over the development decisions made for our parish, and to try to retain the character and nature of our rural community, we will need to develop a 'Neighbourhood Plan' which articulates matters such as the design, heritage, ecological issues and layout of buildings that should be preserved within our parish. We can outline where development should (and should not) take place. While our plan wouldn't be able to over-rule the new national planning policies, they would have to be taken into account - and if we don't have a Neighbourhood Plan, we will only have the national policies to rely on and, as mentioned above, these will heavily favour developers. Furthermore, we cannot wait to do this! The Somerset Local Plan is currently being developed for approval in 2028 and implementation from 2029 to 2049. To carry the full weight we require, our Neighbourhood Plan needs to be developed and adopted (through a referendum of parishioners) under that Somerset Local Plan well before it is approved.

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan – This is a major undertaking which would require a large and dedicated committee of parishioners over the coming year. We'd need a broad team with a wide range of skills and perspectives - in fact, you're qualified whatever your age, experience and qualifications, as long as you can work as part of a team. If you'd like to join the **Neighbourhood Plan Committee** or know more, please email: jim.frampton@lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk



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Church Lane (Castle Cary side) Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092
West Lydford
South of the Brue – Ann Parkhouse 07977 260110/Mike Pauley 01963 240469
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B3153 from Lydford traffic lights to boundary with Keinton Mandeville including
King o' Mill – Maggi Hollands 07816 445597
Village Contact – Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092 lydfordnhw@gmail.com

Home Security Tips

Thanks to those Lydford residents who came along to the home security talk – here are a few of the helpful points that were mentioned -

- keep your house/car keys away from the front door, letter box or cat flap – a thief could easily hook keys or valuables through even a small opening
- use a Faraday box to store keyless car entry keys
- never leave car documents or ID in obvious places
- always lock doors even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- don't post your absence from your home on social media
- install a video doorbell so you can monitor who comes to the door and check when a parcel has been delivered
- make sure ladders are securely padlocked

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

At our May meeting, Ruth and Ian Ames-White told us about their wonderful mosaic – a map of Wells surrounded by a circle of Gothic windows depicting the history, life and people of the city. It was inspirational to hear how, with skill, artistry and years of work, they have taken a simple idea and created a beautiful and thoughtful work of art 6 metres in diameter. They showed us samples of the tools and materials they used and answered the many questions we had – one being, “*how on earth do you go about constructing a mosaic of such size?*” The answer is “*in sections, and back to front!*”

Their intention is now to install the mosaic in the city for everyone to enjoy. After a wonderful evening where we were treated to glimpses of it, we are all looking forward to seeing the final mosaic displayed in Wells in the, hopefully, not too distant future

Next Events

Over the summer months, we will be having trips to local venues of interest and members will be emailed details nearer the time.

September 15th

Our next meeting in the Parish Hall is on September 15th with a talk by *Owl Obsession* and an opportunity see some of their owls close-up. This will be an open meeting – all are welcome to attend.

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 contact us at:
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Lydford and District Gardening Club

In a previous age, not quite as long ago as the Jurassic period but not a lot less than the 145 million years that have passed since that particular era, schools had careers departments and careers teachers. Unfortunately the individual who usually held this brief appeared to be someone who was so incompetent as an educator that every other department in the school had managed to sideline him or her to the extent that careers was all that was left. Presumably the role was intended, in a very well-meaning and far-sighted way, to support those pupils who were about to leave school and direct them towards an employment path which suited their talents, benefitted the needs of the local industries and had the chance of making the world a better place. The suggested paths of work or further education were not always imaginative. Training to be a teacher was a safe bet. A career in banking was a secure post which ended up with a good pension. Clever people with a scientific bent were encouraged to become a doctor or a vet.

Those more practically inclined found a comfortable niche helping to make JCB excavators and any of the services suited those who liked loud noises and doing as they were told!

All thinking was definitely inside 'the box' and may not have served the best interests of keen, optimistic, enthusiastic and mainly ignorant teenagers. As the years have passed it has become increasingly apparent that many career paths were not considered because they were a bit risky. Anything in the field of creative arts was just too insecure. However, those jobs exist and somebody gets to do them. Consequently it was a joy to hear from someone who ignored such tame advice, if indeed it was offered, and has developed a career as a pond creator and general all-round aquatic horticultural expert. **Colin Higgins or 'Higgy' as he is known** throughout the western hemisphere, or at least North-West Somerset, *came to talk to the Garden Club on Tuesday, 12th May and his subject was 'Garden ponds and features for wildlife'.* Early on in his talk he gave the dimensions of a body of water which can be defined as a pond. Subsequent research has been unproductive in terms of finding this precise mathematical information as to the measurements involved and obviously no copious notes were taken at the time, so it might have to be accepted that a pond is a small lake or a big puddle which holds water for at least 4 months of the year and is sufficiently shallow to allow sunlight to reach the bottom!

'Higgy' had some wonderful photographs of flora and fauna and admirable enthusiasm and knowledge. His recommendations about where and how ponds should be created left many members sadly shaking their heads and acknowledging that their own small lakes were in the wrong place and too shallow, or too deep, and that an onerous amount of remedial action needed to be done and as quickly as possible!

Next Meeting

June has an inexorable tendency to follow hot on the heels of May and *the next meeting of the Club will be on Tuesday, 9th June.* All things being equal, the **speaker will be Amelia Williams** and her *topic will be 'Trees for all seasons'.*

Amelia has visited these parts before and she was most impressive. Her knowledge and enthusiasm were boundless and her suggestions were practical and possible. Anyone who has a tree, or a few trees, or even a small orchard, or possibly an embryonic arboretum must write the date large in their diary. Equally, anyone who has not a lot to do on a Tuesday evening will benefit from getting out of the house and finding companionship on the banks of the Brue.

Before and after the speaker doing her bit, small twice-baked creations will be sampled and conversation topics will undoubtedly include the aforementioned biscuits but may also range across differing sporting emotions. There will be the relief of Leeds fans at having another season in the sun, the tedium of Bristol City fans who will remain in the Championship for yet another season and the total frustration of Southampton supporters who will wish that the 'job' of being a 'football spy' had never been invented.



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Sunday, 7th June Local Arrangement (details to follow)
Sunday, 21st June Holy Communion 3:00pm Rev Collin Moore
Services 10:30 am (unless noted otherwise)

Check Notice Board for other Details

Talks and Super – On Thursday, 28th May, Trevor Ryder will be speaking about 'Super Volcanoes'. Have you read the book or seen the film?? The truth could be worse!! This will be the 17th and last in our series of talks.

Regular Groups

Knit and Natter: Meet on Mondays, 2:00 – 4:00pm. New members are always made very welcome! **Toddlers and carer:** Meet on Tuesdays, 10:00am – 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to join these fun and friendly groups!

'The Great Outdoors' is the theme for this year's **Holiday Club**. It will run from Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th August in the Methodist Community Hall. All Primary School children are invited to join in, including those about to start.

Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

Mondays 10:30 am - 2:30pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.

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 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. 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.

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

On 17th Saturday October from 9:00am,

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

This will be the 27th year of this great community event.

The funds raised will help to support many of our local organisations plus *Alzheimer's Society, WHY and Save the Children*. Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast or afternoon cream tea (or both!) and all the attractions that make the **Big Breakfast** the event it has become! Do bring your family and friends.

Breakfasts served from 9:00am to 1:00pm Cream Teas 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

If you are part of a local organisation and would like support from the funds we raise for a particular project, to buy equipment, a special activity or anything else, please contact the committee on:

keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com.

More details will be in the next Parish Magazine and on Social Media.

After 10 years, this will be the **last** in which our current Chair and Secretary will be involved. *We are very keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping continue this great village tradition and shadow the current Chair and Secretary this year with the view to taking office in 2027.*

The Big Breakfast Committee works brilliantly as a team to ensure that this wonderful village occasion is both a special community and fundraising event.

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Lane on:

keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com

Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall

Lots happening this month, all our regular groups keeping the hall lively. Scrapbags continue creative crafting sessions, Yoga with Jill brings calm each week, and the Royal Enfield Owners Group will be meeting again to share stories and shine chrome. The Gardening Club Speaker, Amelia Williams will discuss *Trees for All Seasons* at LDGC's final meeting before the **Great Potato Weigh In on 27th June**, members will reveal who has the heaviest crop, or the most potatoes, from their carefully nurtured plants. The Parish Council Meeting is on the second Wednesday at 7:00pm. We're delighted to welcome Gemma back for another of her *soothing Sound Baths*, with a new date currently being finalised. We have a special film night of **Hamnet**, on *Friday, 5th June*. A beautifully imagined story inspired by Shakespeare's family life and the love, loss and creativity that shaped his work. A perfect evening to settle in with friends; the bar will be open from 7:00pm.

We are still looking for someone to join the committee as Treasurer It's a small, steady role that keeps the hall running smoothly behind the scenes. If you're comfortable with simple figures, can spare a little time each week, and enjoy being part of village life, we'd love to chat with you about what's involved.

This year marks a milestone: 2026 is the 20th anniversary of the hall's renovation, we'll be celebrating with three community events. The first is on **Saturday, 20th June**, *Lydford's Tales, Nature and Trails*. We'll gather in the hall at 10:00am before setting off on a guided 90 minute historical walk around the village. Anyone who wishes to stay indoors is invited to follow the route on the big screen from the comfort of the hall. *Children's wildlife activities will be running in the Forest Garden*, and afterwards *everyone will come together again for bacon rolls and home bakes* (donations appreciated). **Save the dates for other events:**

- **Saturday 11th July** – a marquee at the Sports Club's Family Fun Day, where we'll be showcasing the hall and the groups that use it;
- **Saturday 25th July** – a late afternoon and evening celebration to *Bring People Together*, with a BBQ and live music from **Foresail** and **Straw Hats**

There's a lot to look forward to and we hope to see you at the hall soon. If you'd like to chat about any of the events, please stop me at any of the parish events or email me at chair@lydfordparishhall.org.uk thank you, Jane F

User Events for June 2026

Wed 3rd	St Peter's House Communion	3:00pm	Reflection/shared fellowship
Thur 4th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Fri 5th	Moviola	7:00pm	Hamnet, bar open 7:00pm
Mon 8th	Royal Enfield Owners Club	7:30pm	Members and guests of Club
Tues 9th	Lydford & District Gardening Club	7:00pm	Amelia Williams talks of <i>Trees for All Seasons</i>
Wed 10th	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm	All welcome to attend
Thu 11th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group with Jill
Thu 18th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Thu 20th	<i>Lydford Tales, Nature Trails</i>	10:00am	Lydford's fantastic past
Mon 22nd	? Sound Bath with Gemma	7:20pm	Relax and Unwind
Tues 23rd	Welcome & POPin Cafe	10:30am	Coffee and home bakes
Thu 25th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group with Jill
Sat 27th	LDGC	10:00am	"Great Potato Weigh In"

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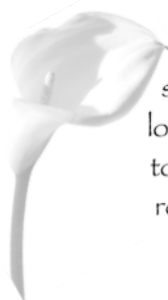
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The event promises to be a lively afternoon for all ages, with attractions including food stalls, live music, and fun activities designed for the whole family. Organisers are hopeful that the festival will bring together residents from across the village and surrounding areas in a celebration of local sport and community spirit.

Highlight of the day will be a special exhibition T20 match

This marks the first time a representative team has been selected from clubs across the surrounding area. The match is expected to showcase some of the region's finest cricketing talent in an exciting and competitive format.

Club representatives have expressed enthusiasm for the event, noting that they hope it will become a regular fixture in the local calendar. All members of the community are encouraged to attend and support a memorable and enjoyable day at Butleigh Cricket Club. *Volunteers will direct people to the car park, in field next to cricket ground.*

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That's just what we do as the church, isn't it? We see a need in our communities and, motivated by Christ's love and teaching, we try to meet it. And we do it out of love, not seeking any reward. We are volunteers.

The word 'volunteer' comes from words meaning, 'of a person's free will.' Volunteers serve willingly. Freely. Out of love. So many in across our diocese serve our communities willingly, freely, out of love. We are deeply grateful. There are Foodbanks, lunch clubs, debt counselling services, mental health first aiders, bereavement cafes, after-school clubs, and youth drop-ins. That barely scratches the surface. All of this is done in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who came and gave himself for us willingly; freely; out of love. And it's transformational.

One of the areas of our common diocesan life which I'll be involved with is our work around Transforming Communities. There will be a lot more to be said in the coming months, but for now, I simply want to thank all our volunteers who serve willingly, freely, and out of love and say how much I'm looking forward to celebrating what we have, and building on it together, transforming our communities through the love of Christ.

Bishop Fiona

Lydford Moviola



The Moviola screening at Lydford Parish Hall is on
Friday 5th June at 7:30pm The tickets are £8.00 each



The doors open at 7.00pm with a bar available until 7:30pm

The film to be shown will be:

Hamnet (2025) 12A starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal,

based on a novel by Maggie O'Farrell, who co-wrote the screenplay.

William Shakespeare (Paul Mescal), a Young Latin tutor, falls in love with the free spirited Agnes (Jessie Buckley) and marries her despite his parents disapproval.

In due course they have three children but William heads to London to pursue his career as a dramatist, leaving his family in Stratford.

During his absence young Hammett (Jacobi Jupe) falls sick with the plague and dies before his father arrives home. Later Agnes journeys to London to watch her husband's latest play Hamlet.

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Keinton Mandeville WI

Last month we held our Annual General Meeting, with official business efficiently dealt with, allowing all to enjoy a shared buffet spread and plenty of chat and laughter!

On 18th June we are welcoming an Ambassador dog with their human colleague Neil, who will be talking about the use of bio-detection and medical alert assistance dogs. These amazing animals are trained to detect various medical conditions in many situations.

Our free Community First Aid training day on 27th June in partnership with the Parish Council at the village hall is attracting a lot of interest. Please contact me at the email address below if you would like to attend- **but do it soon!**

On 16 July we will be hearing about costume jewellery of the 60s, 70s and 80s, and learning about its ability to help women express their style without the financial burden of diamonds!

We are always delighted to welcome new members and visitors to our meetings. You are very welcome to come along to discover what we get up to- we look forward to seeing you!

Please contact Sarah on my new email address
at :commskmwi@gmail.com

Please see the details on adjacent poster for –

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and this is the *final* call for volunteers.

If you would like to be involved on-stage or behind the scenes, or just want to know a little more, please contact:

frampjim@gmail.com

The title of our next performance hasn't yet been announced (*or even decided*), but *the commitment for cast members will be up to three 2-hour rehearsals a week in the Parish Hall throughout October and November, leading up to a run of three performances over the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December.*

We try to fit the rehearsal schedule to work around individual cast members' commitments as best as we can.



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