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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, 17th September at 2:00pm

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



"Vicar on a Bike" – Thank you

Jane would like to thank everyone who has donated to Vicar on a Bike

- The anonymous notes through the door from young and old
- Gifts to the Bank Account
- Gifts to JustGiving

The process has been really encouraging and humbling, at the time of writing there are three rides to go, by publication date there will be one to go and we hope to let you know the total in October or November.

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall Boot Sale!

Date: Sunday 4 October 2026

Time: 14.00hrs -16.30hrs

Sellers set up at 13.00hrs.

Buyers enter at 14.00hrs

Place: Keinton Mandeville Village Hall Car Park TA11 6ES

Sellers £15 per van, £10 per car, £5 blanket pitch

Buyers free entry

Refreshments on site and in village hall

<https://keintonmandevillevh.co.uk/about-us/>

Dates to Note:

05/09 ACE Arts Open Day

19/09 Forest Gdns Work Day

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THE FOSSEWAY ENTERTAINERS

We're on the look-out for stage crew and support team members for our end-of-year production.

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Hello

I'm writing this on the first day of Holiday Club, which this year was both in the Methodist Chapel and in a local garden.

We had attendees who in the chapel were a little uncertain, but when we went outside there was a transformation. There was space to play alone or in groups and there were enthusiastic games, both planned and invented in groups and alone and we were able to witness first hand how being outside can totally change a dynamic.

I'm also writing the day after Wessex Water announced the hosepipe ban for the first time in 50 years, our gardens and fields are parched and we're wondering how on earth the earth will recover.

In July the Church of England joined other denominations and groups to announce that – *the first Sunday in September will be a special festival:*

'Creation in Christ'

a day that acknowledges our responsibility to care for our environment and the world around us as a part of our Christian responsibility.

We read in the Bible that not only was Jesus present and involved in creation, but also that He holds the whole creation together. This is not just about our Harvest Festival (*on 11 October this year*) but about the entirety of creation and our responsibility towards it.

One of the things that I've really enjoyed as I've cycled to different St Mary Magdalene Churches has been the amazing variety of the communities and county of Somerset, there are steep hills, plains and levels, gentle slopes, fields, woodland, towns and villages. Every ride demonstrates more variety and I'm looking forward to riding across Exmoor this weekend!

All of this has continued to remind me of my responsibility to care for this amazing world and it has also sent me back to God praying for the world, for the communities and for the creation. I'm not worshipping the creation but the creator and appreciating all that He has given to us.

So as leaves turn, hopefully rain will fall and we'll see our world turning green again. As we witness the harvest and the sowing of the next crops and appreciate the cooler days, whilst adapting to darker nights, may we come to know the creator who has given us this world and may we take care of it, recycling, renewing and repairing (maybe try out a local repair café), visiting local charity shops where possible for things that we need and seeking to live responsibly within this world. We can all do this, whatever our faith, but for those who share Christian faith may we also learn and acknowledge God's gift of the world and our role within it.

With my best wishes,

Jane

Wheathill Benefice Church Services – September 2026

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as)	Other Services
6th Sept Trinity 14	Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	—
13th Sept Trinity 15	10:30 am Benefice Holy Communion, Barton St David		
20th Sept Trinity 16	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	3:30pm Lydford Tea & Talk
27th Sept Trinity 17	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	4:00pm Faith'n Fun Keinton
Wed 30th Sept	3:00pm House Communion - Lydford Parish Hall		

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

Keinton Open Gardens - Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who opened their gardens, helped with the teas, and came to visit and enjoy the refreshments at – **Keinton Open Gardens in June**. *We raised an amazing £1,300 which will go towards making Keinton church a more versatile and accessible space. We are delighted and hope to do it all over again in 2028!*

Benefice Churches

Churches open for private prayer – The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston are now all open daily for private prayer, **Lydford church** will be open again for private prayer and visitors weekdays and weekends from Monday 14th September, approximately 10:00am until 5:00pm

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!*

Wheathill Benefice Choir



"I believe that music should be grown on trees, to be plucked like a fruit without the extravagance of harvest." (Eyvind Kang)

The Benefice Choir is still in search of a regular musical director.

However, everyone is extremely grateful to Joyce and to Carole for their support in accompanying the congregations in the churches of the Wheathill Benefice at different services each month. Mastering the idiosyncrasies of four very different church organs is no mean feat! Thoughts turn to the Harvest Service on Sunday, 11th October in Keinton, which will be followed by Harvest lunch in the village hall. And then we move on to the Remembrance Sunday service, which is held at Lydford and after that to preparations for the start of Advent.

If you are a musical director without portfolio and looking for a choir, we would really love to hear from you. And if you would like to join the choir for occasional singing at present, 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) You will be very welcome.



From the Registers

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Ms Olivia SCHIFFER of Keinton Mandeville who passed away on 7th May 2026 aged 59 years. Her funeral took place at Yeovil Crematorium on the 24th June 2026.

Mr William (Bill) CABLE of Barton St David who passed away on 14th June 2026 aged 90 years. His funeral took place at Barton St David church on the 8th July followed by his burial.

Mrs Joan PICKFORD of Castle House, Keinton Mandeville who died on 12th July 2026 aged 93 years. Her funeral took place at Barton St David church on the 4th August followed by her burial in Rimpton.

Mr Keith LAMBERT of Keinton Mandeville who died on the 1st July 2026 aged 80 years. His funeral took place at Keinton Mandeville church on 29th July followed by his burial.

Mrs Jacqueline MANDER who died on the 25th July aged 93 years. Her funeral took place on the 18th August at Kingweston church followed by her cremation at Yeovil Crematorium.





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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

I suppose no one could plan for the summer we've had! It's likely that the lack of rain may mean that much of the wildflower planting we did in the Spring will have been lost – we will have to wait and see. We will be doing more work in the Autumn when we will hopefully be able to assess what work is needed – provided we get some rain. As ever, we are appealing for you to contact us if you have an area of your garden, or a verge, you'd like to plant with pollinator – friendly wildflowers which will not only be good for wildlife but will also make the village a more colourful and attractive place to live. We will either come and help with the work or simply provide the seeds or plug plants at no cost to you.

We are continuing our programme of presentations which we use for fundraising to support our various projects around the village. Our next talk was intended to be a presentation from Somerset Climate Action, but due to unforeseen circumstances this has been postponed until next year. However, to fill this gap Trevor Ryder, our local Geologist, will give a talk and discussion on what we can learn about climate change from the geological record. This will be at 7:30 pm in the Methodist Chapel – *and sadly may be the last talk to take place in that venue; it will be sorely missed.* Other events in the pipeline for the Autumn include a talk by Oliver Mayo on Health Issues associated with Rural Communities, and local wildlife photographer Ben Pullett will be giving a presentation of his work on the afternoon of 10th October in the Parish Church.

It's delightful to hear of increased hedgehog sightings – and garden visits – but there's other wildlife that needs a helping hand. KEG is starting a campaign to encourage residents to provide nest sites for Swallows, Swifts and Martins (*all are in decline at the moment*). This will include a recommendation to incorporate swift bricks in new buildings or building repairs.

Finally, we are looking to use some of our funds to start a **"big project"** for which we might also qualify for grant support. We have a few ideas already, but if you'd like to contribute a suggestion or two, do contact us via email or Facebook (*details below*).

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 the second Wednesday of each month and have moved back to the Quarry Inn now it has re-opened. Next meeting is on 9th September starting at 6.00pm.

Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk

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Keinton Mandeville Meet Up

(includes surrounding villages)



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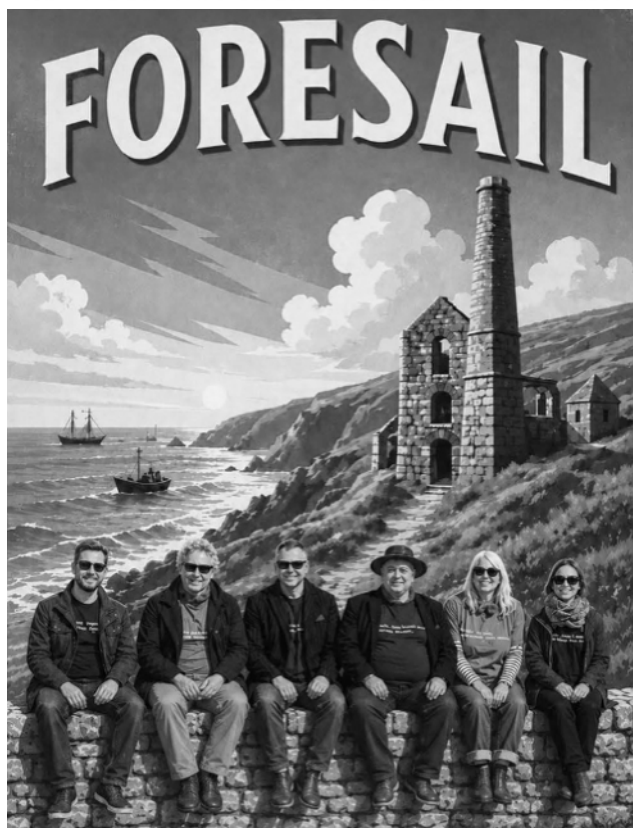
Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – September 2026

Should you need to swap, please let Emma know and 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 30 th Aug – Sunday 6 th Sept	Sandra & Chris Weigh	224696
Sunday 6 th Sept – Sunday 13 th	Anthea Walton	223500
Sunday 13 th Sept – Sunday 20 th	Alan Lines	07919161501
Sunday 20 th Sept – Sunday 27 th	Joanne Wallwork	07757704221



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Tickets are now on sale for the evening of ***Sea Shanties and Hornpipes in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall***. The evening will feature the popular Cornish Shanty group Foresail and local folk band The Four Foot Four.

Tickets (£12) include supper and a free drink on arrival.

Tickets available now in Keinton Village Stores or from Trevor Ryder: rydert36@hotmail.co.uk or Ralph Berry: ralphberry@btinternet.com

Proceeds from the evening will be shared equally between the Cornish Air Ambulance and local charities supported by the Wheathill Benefice group of churches.

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. Open to anyone who wants to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville.

Date: Wednesdays: September 16th; October 14th; November 11th and December 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!

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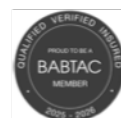
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Our Autumn 2026 programme of meetings in Barton Village Hall starts in September: **Thursday 10th September at 7:30pm**

James Porter will talk on *"The U Boat War 1939-1945"* James is a military historian who has visited us before and many of you will remember his excellent lecture on the Battle of Sedgemoor

Thursday 8th October at 7:30pm

Dr Richard Brunning will be the speaker at the **Robinson Memorial Lecture** in memory of the founders of the club, Peter & Penny Robinson and Dennis Powell. *"From the Sweet Track to Glastonbury Lake Village : the prehistoric archaeology of the Avalon Marshes"*

Admission to meetings: Members free, Non-members £4 (cash please) on the door. All welcome. *Drinks and nibbles* will be available after the talks funded as always, please, by your cash donations.

Barton St. David Village Hall Table Tennis

Our £2 per person per session, begins again on Friday September 4th from 2:00pm until 4:00pm and will run every Friday until Christmas.

Unfortunately, due to the influx of new players, for which we are very grateful, we now have a waiting list. However, don't be put off by that! Please come and have a look around and maybe stay for a chat and a cuppa! Then at least you'll know what to expect, before we add you to our list!

For any further information, please contact Elaine Balcombe 01458 850465 or email: esbalcombe@googlemail.com



Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

Have you seen that the glazed veranda at Keinton Village Hall now has shading to ensure greater comfort when using the new picnic tables and benches on the patio?

And the refurbished kitchen is being painted plus facilities in the room used by Millbrook Surgery have been upgraded.

Did you know that you can book an appointment at the hall?

Speak to Millbrook Surgery on (01963) 350210.

More improvements for the hall are in the pipeline and with favourable rates for local residents, do get in touch with any of the hall Trustees for more information at:

kmvillagehall@gmail.com or check out <https://keintonmandevillevh.co.uk/> to see what's planned and view the bookings calendar for hall vacancies.

And if you have time to spare and would like to get involved in running this great facility, please do let us know. More help will be very welcome.

E- Scooters

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council were recently informed that a young person has been riding an e-scooter along the High Street, on the pavements through the Irving Road estate and at the village hall.

Concerns were raised about the safety of pedestrians and the high level of risk of an accident on the road.

It is illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavements and any other public space. Although the land at the village hall belongs to the village hall charity, it is used freely by the public and therefore is used as a public space.

Infringements of these laws is a police matter.

Only e-scooters hired through government rental schemes, such as those in place in London, Oxford, Birmingham and Manchester may be ridden on public roads. *The hirer must hold a valid full, or provisional, driving licence.*

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- 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. *Drivers are paid 55p per mile (the recently updated Government approved mileage rate) for each drive undertaken.*

If you would like to help, please call our coordinator on the above number.

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

clerk@keintonmandevilleparishcouncil.gov.uk

The next parish council meetings are on Tuesday, 1st September and Tuesday 6th October in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. Public session will take place at 7:30pm at the beginning of the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Council new email address and website – New Website and email, these are easier to navigate: <https://keintonmandevilleparishcouncil.gov.uk> and Parish Clerk new email address: clerk@keintonmandevilleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Speed Reductions in the High Street

The 20mph limit has now come into effect and following feedback from the community we have followed up completion of the work which includes more reminders in the zones that it is 20mph. The parish council will now begin to consider phase 2 of the project.

Kaye Elston,

Clerk to Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

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 (Currently in the Methodist Church rooms but this will change when the Hall closes).

For further details please contact Emma Stevens 01458 223344.

Wanted – Organist/Pianist

Wheathill Benefice is made up of 4 churches –

Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville

Kingweston and Lydford on Fosse

We hold a Service every Sunday and alternate our services across our Benefice churches.

We are in need of an Organist or Pianist to support our service's so that we can continue to fill the churches with joy and fellowship.

If you think you might be able to help us even if it is infrequently, please contact Jo on email address:
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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

The church services are on page 2 of the magazine

Patronal BBQ – This enjoyable event took place on Sunday 29th – fortunately, the weather was not too warm. Around 60 attended from Lydford and the Benefice, raising £500 which was split between Tear Fund Ebola Crisis and the Church Fabric fund. Thank you to all those who helped in many ways, be it providing the refreshments, putting up marquee's, cooking BBQing or serving.

July/August Afternoon Teas – At the time of writing two of these have taken place at Lydford Parish Hall with the last one due on the 23rd August. All those attending enjoyed a chat with locals and friends over a cup of tea and the home made delights on offer.

So far we have raised approximately £600 towards upgrading the heating in St Peters Church.



Harvest Supper – September 18th

Last Year's successful event will be repeated on Friday September 18th 6:30pm for 7:00pm in the Tithe Barn at Huntswell House by kind permission of Marty and Lauren Starkey. Tickets for the meal are **£25 each** available from Ralph Berry 07530 296885, email ralphberry@btinternet.com (plus a pay bar). Do come along and share a delicious home-cooked meal with friends, family and villagers. *Ticket numbers are limited so do order early.*

Tea and Talk on Sunday, 20th September at 3:30pm

The Autumn season of Tea and Talks starts on Sunday, 20th September when we have Charles Hunt coming to talk to us in Lydford Parish Hall. Charles served in the British army and saw service in Afghanistan. His talk will be on one of his roles whilst there, setting up literacy programs for the local population. Please do come along to hear how this came about and was achieved.

House Communion The next House Communion will be held on **Wednesday, 30th September at 3:00pm in the Lydford Parish Hall**. A short service of Holy Communion is followed by a chance to chat over a cup of tea and delicious home baked cakes. All from the benefice are most welcome. Should you need a lift please contact Ralph Berry on 01963 240 164.

Church Opening

The church will be open again for private prayer and visitors weekdays and weekends from Monday 14th September, approximately 10:00am until 5:00pm

Welcome and POPin Cafe

Tuesday 22nd September in the Parish Hall – From 10:30am to 12 midday

Our regular coffee morning is back this month - and sorry, but it is likely to be the last one of the year. However ... we do hope to return in October with our delicious soup lunches.

For this month we look forward to welcoming you with our lovely coffee or tea, and scrumptious home-baked biscuits/cakes. We are pleased to see everyone, so do enjoy the offerings, have a chat and perhaps take away a book or two.

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Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

The next Parish Council (PC) meeting will be at the Parish Hall, West Lydford from 7:00pm on Wednesday, 9th September. After the summer break, the meeting will have plenty to consider, including:

- Progress on the PC's plans to install Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) on the A37 and Castle Cary Road.
- Estimates and options for also installing Village Gateways on the main approaches to the village as a further traffic calming measure.
- An update on the work of the groups developing the Lydford on Fosse Neighbourhood Plan.
- Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Any new planning applications received (none so far this month).

Members of the public are most welcome to come along and to participate in the meeting.



Lydford Neighbourhood Plan

Shaping the Future of our Parish Together

Lydford on Fosse is planning for the years ahead — and we want you to be part of it.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led blueprint that will have the force of law and will help to guide how our parish grows, protects its character, and supports its residents and businesses. Key issues may include:

- **Housing and future developments** - where new building happens and what it looks like
- **Local character, heritage and village identity** - protecting those things that make the Lydfords unique
- **The natural environment** - protecting and restoring nature in our community
- **Transport** - making it safer and easier to move around our village and to connect locally
- **Community facilities** - protecting and enhancing those facilities that are most important to local people

To ensure the Neighbourhood Plan truly reflects the views of the whole community, we **need** to hear from you. *So, we've created two surveys — one for residents and one for businesses.* The more responses we receive, the better we can represent everyone in the parish, *and the greater weight our Plan will carry with Somerset Council when they're making decisions for our village.*

You can complete the surveys online by simply scanning the QR codes below:

Residential Survey QR Code



Businesses Survey QR Code



If you'd prefer a paper copy, or would like a committee member to visit you with a laptop to help you complete the form, please contact:

Jo McDermid ☎ 07850 132327 ✉ jowhigs@btinternet.com

Drop-In Events — Over the next few weeks we'll also be hosting informal drop-in sessions at village events - committee members will be available with laptops to help you complete the survey and can also answer any questions that you have about the Lydford on Fosse Neighbourhood Plan.

Day, Date & Time	Occasion — held in Lydford Parish Hall
Thur 03/09/26 14:30pm	Scrapbags (for Members)
Sun 06/09/26 11:30 am	Tea & Coffee after Service (open to all)
Tues 08/09/26 19:00 pm	Gardening Club (for members)
Wed 09/09/26 19:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting (open to all)
Tues 15/09/26 19:30 pm	Third Tuesday Group (prior to talk)
Sun 20/09/26 15:30pm	St Peter's Tea & Talk (open to all)
Tues 22/09/26 10:30am	Welcome and Pop in Cafe (open to all)

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Lydford Forest Gardens Workday

Saturday, 19th September between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM

Lydford Forest Gardens' trustees and friends will be holding our final workday of the year in the Gardens in West Lydford,

Between 9:30am and 12:30pm

on Saturday, 19th September

We had a very successful workday in May, weeding the gooseberries and currants, trimming the hedge and topping some of the fruit trees.

In June, local children, *including the Cubs & Beavers from Barton St David*, created our new 'Bug Hotel'. Since then, the hot summer means that our fruit has ripened earlier than usual. Our berries have all gone but we now have some delicious apples and plums that are nearly ready.

All volunteers on 19th September will be most welcome, regardless of age, ability or experience. Our will focus will be on clearing the windfalls, weeding (*especially the ubiquitous brambles*), cutting the grass, pruning the fruit bushes and harvesting the plums.

If you have your own gardening equipment and gloves, please feel free to bring them along. If not, don't worry, there will be spares to borrow.

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Lydford and District Gardening Club

David Moyes was and is a talented football manager. He was an able player, good enough even to play for the mighty Bristol City for a couple of years in the 1980s but it is as a manager that he has made his name. He has achieved success at Everton, his current berth and at West Ham as well as plying his trade abroad at Real Sociedad. However, one particular section of his managerial career is not one of which he can be especially proud.

Sir Alex Ferguson was the manager of Manchester United from 1986 to 2013. During those 27 years at the helm the club won 38 trophies including 13 Premier League titles, 5 F.A. Cup triumphs and 2 UEFA Champions League victories. However all good things must come to an end and in 2013 Sir Alex retired so that he could spend more time at the races and annoy bookmakers.

The immense question reverberating around the terraces and fine-dining areas of Old Trafford was *'Who can we get to assume the huge shoes of the mighty Alex and keep us in the style to which we have become accustomed?'*

The Club's answer was to go for David Moyes. He had been very successful at Everton and was a perfect fit having the same accent as Sir Alex so that all the players would have few problems in understanding his instructions! However, things did not go entirely to plan. Results were not brilliant, including a 2-1 defeat by Stoke City, the first time the Potters had beaten Manchester United in 30 years and finally in April 2014 after a 'reign' of just 9 months compared to 27 years by his predecessor, David Moyes was given his P.45 and his name was removed from the fence by the prime spot in the car park.

Yet again it had been proven that in football, as in life, there are many occasions when something is a *'very hard act to follow'*.

The preceding phrase presumably originated in the world of the theatre where variety shows featured many different acts, one following hot on the heels of another. Whilst *'Variety'* was probably at its peak in Victorian or Edwardian times and therefore beyond the memories of most of the inhabitants of the Lydfords, a lot of people might remember *'The Good Old Days'* hosted by Leonard Sachs on BBC television which was a programme recorded in Leeds City Varieties theatre and featured comics, singers, ventriloquists and other similar entertainers before cast and audience finished the programme with a rousing rendition of *'Down at the Old Bull and Bush'*.

It must have been a very tricky business to be booked on the bill as the act to follow Arthur Askey! Or Morecambe and Wise, Val Doonican, Max Wall or any other mega-star of the early television entertainment world! As a warm-up would be fine but going on stage with the adulation of the audience for the previous act still ringing around the proscenium arch must have been very trying.

In July Tim Parker had similar issues, not that he was really aware of them. The June speaker at the Gardening Club had been very good. Amelia Williams knows trees and talks about them as one would of the exploits of a favourite child. Tim had to follow that. Moreover, in his role as Head Gardener at the National Trust gem that is Stourhead, he had the unenviable task of following Alan Power as custodian and guru of that estate and that was a fairly serious 'ask' as well. However, Mr. Parker proved to be a thoroughly decent chap who knew his stuff and could have given chapter and verse about the 2,650 acres of Hoare's legacy for a length of time approaching David Moyes tenure at Old Trafford! It cannot be an easy task in the days of climate change and trees maturing and dying to keep iconic locations looking iconic.

No meeting occurred in August. Members could not be tempted away from their sun-beds and pina coladas, even for the sainted Alan Titchmarsh. So the next gathering will be on **Tuesday, September 8th at the unusual time of 18.00hrs** but in the very usual location of the Costa del Brue. The evening will take the form of a barbecue and produce swap. Traditionally a raffle to beat all other raffles is also held, so an extra pound coin or two might have to be extricated from the grandchildren's piggy bank in order to purchase a suitable number of tickets.

All members are welcome to come and share tales about the desiccated nature of their plots!



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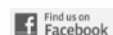
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Sunday, 14th October Holy Communion 3:00pm Rev Collin Moore

Holiday Club — 'The Great Outdoors'

By now the children (and adults) will have enjoyed this year's HOLIDAY CLUB. 'The Great Outdoors' has included visits to Belinda and Vyv Simpson's garden as well as activities, games and FUN!! Many thanks to the Holiday Club Team.

** Next Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast **

On Saturday, 17th October from 9:00am, In Keinton Mandeville Village Hall
Breakfasts served from 9:00am to 1:00pm Cream Teas 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

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! We appreciate that waiting in the breakfast queue can seem to be a bit of a trial, especially when you can smell the food cooking, so to make it more enjoyable we are intending to provide some musical entertainment!

Before the day committee members and helpers will be selling raffle tickets door to door from mid September. Please try to have some cash available as using a card reader at your door isn't feasible at the moment. We already have some wonderful prizes including a £200 cash first prize and many, many more. Look out for raffle prize news on social media over the next few weeks. Raffle ticket sellers will have a list of prizes when they knock on your door. You can of course buy tickets on the day!

We will also be organising a collection of donations for the tombola in some areas of the village and if we can't collect in your road then there will be a box in Keinton Stores. More details to follow!

The Full Monty Breakfast which includes 8 different items, all carefully cooked and served by the wonderful kitchen team, will be £7 (individual items will be £1 each) and the afternoon cream tea will be £3.50.

We will have card readers for payment on the day but we welcome cash payments too!

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

We look forward to seeing you there and in the meantime, we will update you through social media and the Parish Magazine.

The Committee

Keinton Mandeville WI

On 16th July we welcomed Jo Jeffery, who gave a fascinating insight into costume jewellery of the 60s, 70s and 80s, and learned about its ability to help women express their style without the financial burden of diamonds!

Although there was no meeting in August, we still got together for a convivial day out. Following lunch at a Devon hostelry, we enjoyed a relaxing trip by horse-drawn barge on the Tiverton Canal.

Next Meeting on 17th September

This will be a talk by Andy Rowden from *The Financial Detectives* about making sure we protect our loved ones and manage our assets. We are delighted to welcome new members and visitors to our meetings. You are very welcome to come and discover what we get up to, we look forward to seeing you!

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

Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall – September

After a quieter August and lots of hot days when many of us were grateful for the parish hall's lovely cool respite, September returns us to our familiar lively rhythm.

But before we look ahead, we want to offer a **heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in our three 20th Anniversary events, celebrating twenty years since the Hall's renovation.**

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way: those rustling up bacon rolls at the **History & Wildlife Morning**, the *speakers and volunteers* who prepared the history talk and display, built the bug house, all who kindly lent historical items for the exhibition, and allowed us to use the Forest Garden.

Our thanks also go to *the Hall's user groups representatives* who staffed the marquee at the **Family Fun Day**, and to everyone who set up, ran the bar, flipped burgers, or performed at the **BBQ and Music Evening**. *Most of all, thank you to everyone who came along to support the events, your presence made the celebrations truly special.* If you'd like to join the small team who organise these events, please get in touch at chair@lydfordparishhall.org.uk.

As September begins, the hall is settling back into its familiar rhythm. *Yoga for Wellbeing* returns on Thursdays with Jill and her dedicated group. *The Gardening Club* are back with a cheerful BBQ and Plant and Produce Swap, perfect for refreshing borders and bellies after the summer. *The Third Tuesday Group* return from their summer outings inviting everyone to an open session with **Owl Obsession** and a chance to meet these beautiful birds up close (*no flying and just £3 per visitor*).

Welcome & PopIn Coffee Morning resumes, with delicious home bakes and a chance to catch up with neighbours. Scrapbags crafting sessions return and are always delighted to welcome new members.

St Peter's Church are hosting a Sunday afternoon *Tea & Talk from Charles Hunt* on serving and setting up literacy programs in Afghanistan, along with a *House Communion* at the end of the month. *The Parish Council* meets again to discuss the latest developments in the parish, and they will be continuing to lead the excellent progress being made by the *Neighbourhood Plan groups*.

It's good to see the Hall busy again, with familiar groups returning and plenty for everyone to enjoy throughout the month.

User Events for September 2026

Thur 3rd	Scrapbags	2 - 4pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts
Tues 8th	LDGC	6:00pm	Annual BBQ & plant Swap
Wed 9th	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm	All welcome to attend
Thu 10th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group with Jill
Mon 14th	Royal Enfield Owners Club	7:30pm	Members and guests of Club
Tues 15th	Third Tuesday Group	7:30pm	Meet the Owls (no Flying)
Tues 17th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Sun 20th	St Peter's Tea & talk	3:30pm	Charles Hunt in Afghanistan
Tues 22nd	Welcome & POPin Cafe	10:30am	All welcome/drinks & bakes
Thur 24th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group with Jill
Wed 30th	St Peter's House Communion	3:00pm	Quiet reflection & fellowship

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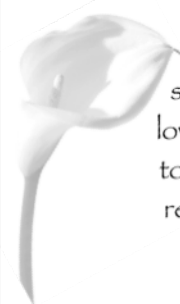
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Lydford Third Tuesday Group

On a sunny day in August, a group of us visited *Midelney Manor - a Grade I listed house near Langport set in 400 acres of farm and woodland*. The owner, Alice, gave us a very personal tour of the house where her family, the Cely-Trevilians, have lived since the 1540s. Afterwards we enjoyed a wander around the walled gardens where there is a rare falconer's mews and an interesting 17th century barn/potting shed that is now used for weddings. A delicious cream tea made by Alice completed a lovely afternoon out.

← Next Event on Tuesday, 15th September (see Owl Poster)

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 lydfordthirtuesday@gmail.com at our website: <https://thirdtuesday.wixsite.com/thirdtuesday>

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Fly-tipping is both a criminal offence and a common form of antisocial behaviour. It blights the countryside, contaminating land and water, and is a threat to wildlife and livestock. It endangers public health, is a blot on the landscape and can attract other forms of crime.

If you choose to give your waste to someone else to dispose of on your behalf **make sure that they are registered with the Environment Agency. If your waste is fly tipped by someone acting on your behalf you could face a fixed penalty notice or an unlimited fine.**

Did you know that - leaving items outside closed recycling centres and charity shops, leaving bags beside recycling banks and on the floor of communal bin areas is considered fly-tipping!

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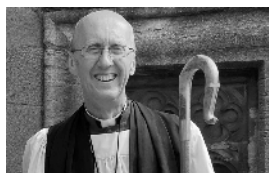


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Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' (Genesis 1:26).

These words come from the account of creation found in Genesis Chapter 1. I'm often asked about this text. Is it true? How do I square its words with my understanding of science? Do I believe this is how the world was made?

I don't think *Genesis 1* is a literal account, a description offered in the style of a David Attenborough documentary. Rather I suggest that this account is so stuffed with truth that it's hard for us to deal with. Truth that's not about factual deception but that's about meaning, purpose and value. *Genesis 1* asks 'How do we understand the world?' and 'How should we live in it?'

Take for example the words 'have dominion' to be found in *Genesis 1:26* given above. These words, an interpretation of the Hebrew word *radah*, have been understood very differently.

Some would say that 'have dominion', *radah*, has been understood as harsh domination, treading down, and using raw force; a justification for treating the non-human world as an expendable resource for human consumption that has led to our destruction of so much of the natural world around us.

Others suggest that the true meaning of *radah* is service and care. This sees 'have dominion' as a call not to crush, but to protect, nurture, and provide justice. This view sees humankind invited to act as deputies for God, called to cultivate the earth responsibly while preserving its health and flourishing.

Arguments about the interpretation of a Hebrew word may seem specialist. But how we read one of the most important passages of the Bible can shape our whole world view. Service and care or domination and destruction? These differing ideas lie at the very heart of the arguments we have about how humankind should treat our earthly home that God has gifted us. What steps will we take, however small, to protect it?

Bishop Michael

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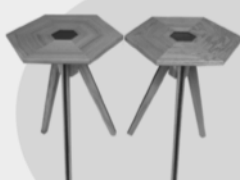
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