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Join us on Sunday, 29th November at 4:00pm in Keinton Church

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
Wednesday, 11th November at 2:00pm
Come and join her there for tea/coffee and a chat





Keinton Mandeville Methodist Chapel

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the Chapel over many years.

At toddlers, Sunday school and Friday club; at Sunday services and special occasions, as well as more recently, the talks and suppers.

Thank you as well to all who joined us on Sunday, 18th October for tea and our closing service.

Led by Collin Moore,
it was a very fitting farewell to our iconic and much loved Chapel.

Deadline for DECEMBER 2026 magazine *09:00 am* Thursday 19th November
Items to the Editor – **VIA EMAIL PLEASE:** *wheathillbeneficemagazine@gmail.com*

Dates to Note:

6/11 Moviola Lydford
12/11 RNLI Talk & Art
14/11 KM Church Open Day
21/11 Hadoc PSA Concert KM
28/11 Barton Xmas Fair

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November is a month for remembering

Our Methodist friends and colleagues last month remembered and gave thanks for the many years of God's faithfulness in the life of their chapel, and we pray with them as they move into an unknown future.

On 1st November we remember All Saints. A festival that celebrates all who follow Christ, and who live as a part of his family, in his letters Paul regularly writes to *'all the saints in…'* or to those who are *'called to be saints in….'* a reminder that sainthood isn't just for those who have been deemed to be saints because of particular characteristics of their life but all of us to live as God's people, saints, following Him each and every day. It is a celebration of all.

We then remember *'All Souls'* an opportunity to gather and remember those whom we have loved but see no more, this service is quite gentle and includes a specific time to remember.

Our worship for *All Saints* and *All Souls* is **on 1st November at 10:30am in Kingweston (All Saints) and 4:00pm in Lydford (All souls)** all are welcome to each of them.

Remembrance

The following weekend we remember those who gave their lives in the service of the country as *we gather for remembrance,* **on Friday 6th November at 10:45am in Keinton, Sunday 8th November at 10:15am in Lydford for our main remembrance service and Wednesday 11th November for Armistice Day in Barton also at 10:45am.** Each one of these events will include the two minute silence and opportunity to lay down wreaths and remember.

Remembering reminds us of those whom we have loved, of our call to follow God and of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The Psalmist recalls that there are two sides to remembering, what we remember and what we would like God to remember:

4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
7 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good **(Psalm 25:4-7)**

We want God to remember his mercy and love, because that is how we can come to him and be welcomed by him. We also want him not to remember the ways that we disobey him, but instead to be true to his word and his goodness.

As we remember this month may we know that our hope is in him, that he remembers us and forgives and welcomes us. Please come and remember with us. Best wishes, **Jane**



Date for your Diary:

November 14th from 9:30am – 1:00pm Open Morning in Keinton Church
We will have the plans for the church on display along with samples of the chairs that we have chosen and an update on the plans and application. We'd love to hear from as many people as possible that morning, whatever your view is of the plans, please do come to enjoy some tea, coffee & cake and to talk to us about what you think and what our plans are.

From the Registers

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of :

Mrs Marion GREEN of Keinton Mandeville who passed away on the 19th September aged 89 years. Her funeral took place at Keinton church on the 8th October.

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

Earlier in October members of the choir, family and friends met for a meal at The Quarry Inn in Keinton to bid farewell to a longstanding member who is moving overseas.

The choir was then delighted to join together in *singing an anthem at the Harvest Festival service, ably accompanied by Anson Liu, Graduate Musician in Residence at Millfield.*





This month sees the choir meet to support the Benefice Remembrance Sunday service, which will be held at Lydford on Sunday 8 November at 10.15hrs followed by the Act of Remembrance at 11.00hrs, and after that to preparations for the start of Advent.

If you are a musical director without portfolio,
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.

Wheathill Benefice Church Service – November 2026

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as	Other Services
1st Nov all Saints	—	**Holy Communion Kingweston**	**4:00pm All Souls Lydford**
Friday, 6th Nov	**10:45am Remembrance, Keinton Mandeville**		
8th Nov Remembrance	**9:30am E. Lydford War Memorial**	**10:15 am Remembrance St Peter's, Lydford**	
Wednesday, 11th Nov	**10:45 am Remebrance at Barton St David**		
15th Nov 2nd before Advent	Holy Communion Barton St David	Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville	**3:30pm Taize Lydford**
22nd Nov Christ the King	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	Morning Prayer Barton St David	—
Wednesday, 25th Nov	**3:00pm House Communion in Lydford Parish Hall**		
29th Nov Advent 1	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	**4pm Christingle Advent Star, KM**

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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

As autumn planting approaches, please contact us if you have a garden area or verge where you would like to plant pollinator-friendly wildflowers. We can either help with the planting or provide seeds or plug plants free of charge.

Talks and Presentations

We are continuing our programme of public talks and presentations to raise funds for village environmental and wildlife projects. *Our next two events will be held at 2:00 pm in the Parish Church. On 7th November*, **local wildlife photographer Ben Pulletz** will present his work, with prints and calendars hopefully available to buy as early Christmas stocking fillers. *On 28th November,* **Sandra Cook** *will speak about trees.* Her talk on bees earlier this year was both entertaining and informative, so this promises to be another event to enjoy.

Hedgehogs

KEG hopes to support the village's growing hedgehog population by placing signs at key locations to remind motorists to watch for them. Please observe the new 20 mph limit, which gives hedgehogs and other wildlife a better chance of being seen and avoided. With Bonfire Night approaching, also check beneath bonfires and move any hedgehogs that may have sheltered there.

Meetings

Everyone is welcome at our meetings, and we would love more people to get involved. KEG usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Quarry Inn. *Our next meetings are on 11th November and 6th December, both starting at 6:00 pm.* Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk
Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook

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 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; thank you very much.

The Group is open to anyone who wants to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville. **Dates are: Wednesdays: 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!

Viv Lane and Claire Harding

Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – November 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 1st– Sunday 8th Nov	Jo & Chris Tripp	07756314290
Sunday 8th – Sunday 15th	John Walker	07501500567
Sunday 15th – Sunday 22nd	Sue Baker	223519
Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th	Sandra & Chris Weigh	224596
Sunday 29th – Sunday 6th Dec	Anthea Walton	223500



St Mary Magdalene, Keinton,
Christmas Tree 2026
The theme for decorations for the Keinton Church Christmas Tree



is 'Animals' – of any variety!

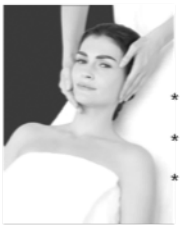
Keinton PCC plans to place one lovely tree in the church this Christmas and warmly invites the involvement of everyone in and around the village to help us by decorating it.

Whether these are decorations you have made as an individual, or family, or group, please do get in touch with Claire on 07881 592815 or email her at ***betweenlanes@live.co.uk*** or speak to anyone on the PCC.

Decorating the tree will take place on Tuesday, 15th December ***and we'd be so pleased if you felt able to take part.***

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The Henry Livius Trust - Change Update

Henry Livius was a former Rector of Keinton *(from 1851-1875, succeeded by his son William from 1875-1878)*, who we believe left money for the parish and school which enabled the initial village hall to be built next to the school.

In 1997 the village hall was sold along with the land. The proceeds from that sale were donated to help build the new village hall and to found the Livius Trust which has over the years supported the Church and School and other Youth Organisations in the village.

In recent years it has become apparent that small donations here and there were not making a significant impact on the lives of either school or church and so the trustees have decided to close the trust and split the funds equally between – the school for an outdoor classroom – and the church to support the reordering plans.

School and church remain really grateful and thankful for the initial gift from Henry Livius and the careful management of funds by the trustees over the last 28 years. The hope and prayer of the trustees is that these donations will make a lasting difference to the life of the village for years to come.

From the Trustees: Rev. Jane Durham, Deborah Whittingham, Belinda Simson, Neill Thomas, Hugh von Bergen'

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Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

The next parish council meetings are on Tuesday, 3rd November and 1st December in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Babcary Lane and Cottons Lane – Parish Paths

We have arranged for these to be cut back and this work has taken place in October and we hope you enjoy walking these paths.

Carols around the Christmas Tree

The date is set for –

Thursday, 17th December at 17:30pm.

All welcome to this festive event which brings the village together.

Kaye Elston, Clerk to Keinton Mandeville Parish Council
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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

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Barton St David History Club

Our annual **Robinson Memorial Lecture** in honour of the founders of the club took place in October. **Dr Richard Brunning** kept a record attendance of over 70 people fully engaged with his subject *"From the Sweet Track to Glastonbury Lake Village : the Prehistoric Archaeology of the Avalon Marshes"*.

This was followed by very enjoyable and lively discussions over refreshments.

Meetings

Thursday 12th November 7:30pm – Louis Wheeler, one of our members will be talking on an intriguing subject: *"An Irish Odyssey: From the Norman Invasion to the Easter Rising - Local Connections"*. Admission: Members Free, Non-members £4 (cash please). Post-talk refreshments funded by donations please.

Thursday 10th December 7:30pm – **Our Christmas Event** will be *"Show and Tell"* your chance to bring along absolutely any object of interest and talk for a few minutes about it.

This will be followed by seasonal refreshments and a cash collection in aid of a local food bank.

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall Notes



Following a very successful **Car Boot Sale** on a gloriously sunny day early in October, the village hall was then used for the **Benefice Harvest sit down lunch for 70 guests**. This was followed by the enormously popular and well supported **27th Keinton Big Breakfast**, raising funds for local and national charities and drawing visitors and friends from across South Somerset.

November

After a *Shanty Night at the end of the month*, November promises more exciting events, in addition to the regular weekly and monthly bookings. With ample parking and enough space for 120 guests seated at tables, or more as an audience for talks or parties, Keinton Mandeville Village Hall is a thriving venue.

Check out what's planned or look for vacancies on the *website:https://keintonmandevillevh.co.uk*. And do get in touch with any of the hall Trustees for more information at *kmvillagehall@gmail.com*. New committee members would also be very welcome.

Keinton Mandeville WI

October activities included of an afternoon of exploring Clarks Shoe Museum in Street, and enjoying coffee, light lunches and cake at The Barton Inn.

We also visited Long Sutton WI on 15th October to join in their meeting which included a brilliant session lad by Denise Hodgson a certified Laughter Yoga coach. The activities were very well received by all!

Keinton Mandeville's annual Big Breakfast *(and afternoon cream teas)* event took place in the village on 17th October; our WI ladies stepped up to support with provisions of cake and enthusiasm! This very worthwhile community event raises much needed funds for local and national charities.

November's meeting on the 19th we will be back at Barton St David, when *our speaker will be Paul, a volunteer from Winston's Wish.* This is a charity that offers free, accessible online grief support to children and young people who are bereaved or facing the death of someone important to them.

December's meeting will primarily be enjoying delicious, shared refreshments and playing games! We are a growing group and always delighted to see new members and visitors at 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*

Big Breakfast news 2026

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast on October 17th. It was a wonderful community event, welcoming both regulars and newcomers, and **raised an incredible £7,633.74**. The independent charity stalls were equally pleased with their individual takings. This success relies entirely on the generosity of our community, including:

Food Sponsors

AJ and Helen Hashmi; VJ at Keinton Stores; Ashley Maunder from Home Farm, Kingweston; Rachel from Perry Hill Farm; Lucy from Sourdown Farm; Helen and Andrew Paradise; Richard and Fiona Sutton and Bob Burns from Burns the Bread.

Volunteers and Teams

All of those who set and cleared the hall; everyone who baked for the popular cake stall or made scones; those who chopped mushrooms or laid the kitchen flooring; Trevor and Colin for their lovely musical entertainment for the patient queue; and our dedicated cooking, washing up, plating up and serving, raffle, tombola, tea-table, cake sales, cream teas, kitchen-cleaning, quiz, flyer-distributing, and collection teams.

Flower Arrangements

Special thanks to Stephen, as auctioneer, and to Belinda for the beautiful flower arrangements

Community Groups

We would like to thank all of the following for their contribution before and on the day; Keinton Primary School, Barton Scouts, KYAG, Keinton Netball Club, Keinton School PSA, and Keinton Church.

It truly is our biggest community effort.

In next month's magazine we will share which groups your generosity will support this year. Thank you all, again, so very much.

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St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

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Harvest Supper – The very enjoyable and successful Harvest Supper raised £1,400 after expenses, which was split equally between Ripple Effect and refurbishing the heating in St Peter's.

Gift Week – St Peter's annual Gift Week took place again this year at the end of September for those wishing to donate to help with the expenses of the upkeep of the Church, Churchyard and car park. Thank you to all those who have generously donated, **so far £1050 has been raised this year** - it is very appreciated.

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

East Lydford – There will be a short service of Remembrance around East Lydford War Memorial at 9:30 am.

West Lydford

The Benefice Remembrance Service will be held at St Peter's, West Lydford at 10:15am please note the earlier starting time. There will be a Service of Remembrance in the Church followed by the two-minute silence and laying of wreaths around the War Memorial at 11:00am.

Taizé Service - Sunday 15th November

Tea and Talk on the afternoon of 15th November will be a Taizé service in St Peter's There will be a chance to practice the chants at 3:00pm, followed by tea and cake at 3:30pm, with the service starting at 4:00pm and lasting for 30 to 40 minutes. Accompanied by a small team of musicians, five or six Taizé chants will be sung, linked by a time of silence, with prayers, Bible verses and a quotation from Brother Roger. Do come for some quiet reflection and meditation.

One or two Taizé chants like O Lord hear my prayer may sound familiar. Taizé services originated in the ecumenical community in the little village of Taizé in France, where thousands of young people have gathered for a week of study, prayer and fellowship since the community was founded by Brother Roger after the second World War. Taizé worship consists of simple scriptures, simple singing of chants, simple prayer - and silence.

House Communion - Wednesday 25th November

The next House Communion will be at 3:00pm on Wednesday 25th November in Lydford Parish Hall. This is open to anyone in the Benefice, particularly those that find it difficult to attend ordinary Sunday services, offering the opportunity not only to take Communion but enjoy a chat over tea and cake afterwards.

Anyone who needs transport to the service, please contact Ralph Berry on 01963 240164.

Donations to help others during Christmas

During November St Peter's will be collecting for the YMCA in Street and the Glastonbury and Street Food Bank, known as Bridging the Gap, which now covers the Benefice area.

There will be boxes in the Church for any donations of dry food products, which can be Christmas–orientated:

One for the food bank, and *another for toiletries and Christmas gifts for the YMCA*.

Any gifts will be much appreciated.

See guidance on YMCA requirements next page ➜

The Church is usually open every day
10:00am till 4:00pm so please drop any gifts off there.

Should you wish to give monetary donations to the foodbank,
please use the QR code shown here,

Or do this directly and contact Ralph Berry on 01963 240164.

Welcome and POPin Cafe

Tuesday, 24th November in the Parish Hall – From 12:00pm to 1:30pm

We are continuing this month with our soup lunches, and the weather is indeed autumnal. As usual, doors open at 11:30am for sit down with soup at midday - and there will be a choice of 3 delicious soups accompanied by cheese scones, or rolls. Tea and coffee are also available. This will be our last soup lunch of the year, but we will return in January. We look forward to welcoming you there..

On behalf of the Walters & Pope Trust

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**

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Parish Hall in West Lydford from 7:00pm on Wednesday, 11th November.

Next year's Precept and Budget Forecast will be discussed for the forthcoming year 2027-28. Everyone is welcome to attend.

At last month's Parish Council meeting there was one planning application raised. This was to erect three terraced dwellings at Fairplace West Lydford which due to design and density was rejected.

The newly purchased Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have now been deployed, one on the A37 northbound and one on the B3153 westbound.plenty of coffee and often some pretty good cake too!

Everyone is welcome.

DONATION APPEAL

HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL AT THE YMCA IN STREET

This Christmas, Wheathill Benefice are collecting donations to help provide Christmas gifts for the young men & women at the YMCA in Street

If you would like to donate any items, a list of suggested donations is below. Every contribution, however small, will help make Christmas brighter for someone in our local community.

Donation boxes can be found at the following churches:

Barton St David ❋ Lydford ❋ Keinton Mandeville

from NOVEMBER 7th to DECEMBER 17th

Toiletries: Gift Sets - Shower Gel - Deodorant - Hair Care Products
Beanie Hats - Scarves - Gloves - Thick Socks - Sweets - Hot Chocolate
Chocolates - Hot Water Bottles - Reusable Water Bottles
Board Games - Card Games - Books - Puzzles

If you would like to donate but are unable to drop your items off at one of the churches, please email Jo at ***wheathillbenefice@gmail.com*** we will be happy to arrange collection from you.



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details on Poster) Brace yourselves residents of Keinton & villages nearby:

An Clochán

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We're all based here in South Somerset, but we share an ancestry through our link with *the town of Clifden, in Connemara in the west of Ireland.*

We call ourselves- An Clochán, as this is the Gaelic spelling of "Clifden".

We all still have relatives in and around Clifden, and if you are planning a holiday we would highly recommend a visit to that beautiful part of the world: it is so far west that it is often said that *"the next parish is New York"!*

We sing mainly *"a cappella",* and sometimes with a guitar backing.

If you have Irish roots, or if you simply like a bit of *"diddly dee"* music, do come along and join us and *"the craic will be mighty!"*

We're appearing at Keinton Mandeville Village hall on 21st November

See you there!

Lydford Neighbourhood Watch

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Non Emergency 101 or Report Online www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

To Remain Anonymous Call 0800 555111

Street Contacts

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Lydford on Fosse - Cary Road – Lali Seehra 07530 121515

East Lydford - Church Lane (A37 side) – Ian Poynter 01963 240424

Church Lane (Castle Cary side) Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092

West Lydford

South of the Brue – Ann Parkhouse 07977 260110/Mike Pauley 01963 240469

North of the Brue – Linda Foote 01963 240336

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***

National Grid 'Don't Wing It'

There is much speculation at the moment about what our weather will be like during the winter – storms, snow, flooding!

National Grid has put together information to help us all prepare for whatever happens so check out *www.winterhyb.nationalgrid.co.uk* .

There's the opportunity to create a power cut plan to suit your own household.

Anti-social behaviour

Please remember that if you witness any of the following - *littering, vandalism, public drunkenness, noise nuisance, aggressive dogs, inconsiderate driving or noisy and dangerous motorbike use* - it is anti-social behaviour and should be reported to the police - online at *www.avonandsomerset.police.uk* or by phoning 101 or in an emergency 999.

Knit & Natter, Keinton Mandeville

Please note: **Knit & Natter have now moved to Keinton Parish Church.**

We still meet on **Monday afternoons from 2:00 – 4:00pm**.

And of course everyone is most welcome - whether knitting or nattering!

For further details please contact Emma Stevens (01458) 223344.

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Lydford and District Gardening Club



According to O.R.O.I.S. (Occasionally Reliable Online Information Source), *'Tales of the Unexpected'* was a television series produced by Anglia T.V. and made between 1979 and 1988 when most of us had better things to do than watch T.V. Some of the episodes were based on Roald Dahl short stories and the programmes are still being aired on channels which can only be found after a lot of downward scrolling on the listings page. Or if more traditional television information formats are used i.e. The Radio Times, then the timings are found 3 or 4 pages into any day's data and written in print so small that the tiny squiggles could actually be about an Open University programme on plate tectonics!

However the concept of something being unexpected, yet because of this very fact producing considerable pleasure is something which can affect many areas of life. Whilst we all may have a considerable collection of C.D.s, vinyl or even some very dusty cassette tapes *(and the means to play them!)* there is no surprise in listening to these old friends. However if tuned in to a radio station such as Boom Radio, there will be many songs which bring back memories, good, bad or sometimes embarrassing, and then perhaps only occasionally but memorably, a song will be played which is not on the usual playlist yet stands out due to its rarity, individuality and true class. The Sensational Alex Harvey Band may not be part of your collection but when heard out of the blue, some of their offerings stay long in the memory. And this concept of surprise can play a major role in the garden.

Some plants will appear in the strangest of places without any help from the person nominally responsible for the care of the plot. Perennial sweet peas will thrive in some pretty barren spots and grow to 8 feet tall or more. They will flower for the whole summer and their seed pods explode to leave magically twisted and decorative pods. They grow where they want to do so even if this may not always fit in with pre-laid plans. Morning Glory, the more refined version of bindweed, will also do its own thing yet has such glorious flowers of a truly lustrous nature that it has to be forgiven for any intrusive habits. And then there are the pleasures created when seed packets turn out to contain something other than the plant desired. Dwarf marigolds might be wanted yet when they turn out to be 6 feet tall and really rather wonderful they are readily forgiven!

Sally Nex was billed as being prepared to talk about 'Gardening without Peat' at the October meeting of the Gardening Club. The unexpected route would have been one where she championed some Westland products and extolled the virtues of peat based composts. This did not happen and instead Ms. Nex gave lots of useful information on good constituents of modern growing mediums such as green waste and composted wood fibre and bark and how to make the best of such products, slightly altering techniques and watering regimes, even if they had been used successfully since Percy Thrower first pointed his pipe at a recalcitrant begonia and reached for a bag of Fison's finest mixture and the contents of a bag of chimney soot. Talk on the grapevine, obviously one growing in a peat-free mixture, would suggest that the Club might organise a trial of available products next year. Watch this space!

November 10th is when someone from the Garden's Group will visit the Club and inform about house plants which are good as presents or decoration for the festive season. The unexpected will be anything other than Poinsettia and Amaryllis. Information which expands horizons will be very welcome. **The same meeting will feature the A.G.M.** and this invaluable but potentially dull event will be over in less time than it usually takes to read the list of ingredients on a box of fertiliser. Balance sheets will be reviewed, minutes of previous meetings will be taken as a correct version of the events even though attendees cannot remember the ingredients of yesterday's lunch never mind what happened twelve months ago.



Christmas Meal

And finally, the Club Christmas meal is being hosted by the nice people *at the Cross Keys and is due to happen on Monday, 7th December.*

Put this date in your diary and find those trousers which have most slack around the waistband!

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We look forward to seeing you there. For anyone thinking of joining us in 2027, *our Spring rehearsal schedule starts on Tuesday January 6th*. If you cannot commit to a whole term, why not join us for *a Come and Sing Day on Saturday February 20th.* See our website *www.midwessexsingers.co.uk* for more details.



Wheathill Priory Community Transport

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. *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.

Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall – October

Christmas Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall

Saturday 28th November, 10:00am –12 noon

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 28th 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.

Our regular groups continue to meet throughout the month. *The Scrapbags* will be gathering for another enjoyable session of crafting and conversation, the *Royal Enfield Owners Club* will be revving into action, Thursday evenings are the domain of *Jill and her yoga enthusiasts*, and the *Parish Council* will be holding its monthly meeting, all welcome to attend to hear first-hand about issues affecting the parish and the work being undertaken on behalf of the community. and *Wednesday 25th, a House Communion Service* in the hall. All are welcome to attend. Looking for Christmas gift ideas for that person who seems to have everything? Why not come along to Gardening Club to discover which houseplants make the perfect festive present. You don't need to be a member to attend, and visitors are always welcome for just £3.

Moviola on Friday 6th with a screening of The Christophers. The bar will be open from 7.00pm, so why not arrive early and enjoy a drink and a chat with friends and neighbours before the film begins? Tickets (£8) are available on the door or in advance from Linda F. *The Entertainers* will be busy rehearsing throughout the month for their performances in early December. Last year's production sold out all three performances, so when tickets go on sale early November, do get yours promptly to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you at the hall soon.

User Events for November 2026

Sun 1st	Fosseway Entertainers	4:00pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec
Mon 2nd	Neighbourhood Plan	2 - 4pm	Steering Goup Meeting
Mon 2nd Tues 3rd	Fosseway Entertainers Fosseway Entertainers	6:00pm 6:00pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec
Thur 5th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Fri 6th	Moviola	7:00pm	"The Christophers" at 7:30pm
Sun 8th	Remembrance Sunday	10:15am	St Peter's Lydford
Sun 8th Mon 9th	Fosseway Entertainers Fosseway Entertainers	4:00pm 5:30pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec
Mon 9th	Royal Enfield Owners Club	7:30pm	Members and guests of Club
Tues 10th	Fosseway Entertainers	6:00pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec
Tues 10th	LDGC	7:00pm	Which House Plants for Xmas
Wed 11th	Parish Council Meeting	7:00pm	All welcome to attend
Thur 12th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group with Jill
Sun 15th Mon 16th Tues 17th	Fosseway Entertainers Fosseway Entertainers Fosseway Entertainers	4:00pm 6:00pm 5:30pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec
Tues 17th	Third Tuesday Group	7:30pm	Social Meeting in the hall
Thurs 19th	Scrapbags Yoga	2 - 4pm 7:00pm	Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts Local Yoga group with Jill
Sun 22rd Mon 23rd	Fosseway Entertainers Fosseway Entertainers	4:00pm 6:00pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec

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Pilates

Monday at
Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

09:15am – 10:15am *(Intermediate)*

10:30am – 11:30am *(Beginners)*

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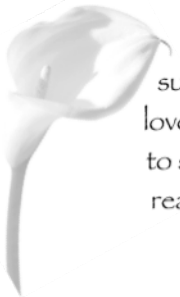
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Lydford Parish Hall *(events continued from page 13)*

Tues 24th	Welcome & POPin Cafe	11:30am	Soups and Bakes at noon
Tues 24th	Fosseway Entertainers	5.30pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec
Wed 25th	Lydford House Communion	3:00pm	Quiet Reflection, friendship
Thur 26th	Yoga	7:00pm	Local Yoga group with Jill
Sat 28th	P.Hall Xmas Coffee morning	10am-12	Mince pies, Mulled wine, raffle
Sun 29th Mon 30th	Fosseway Entertainers Fosseway Entertainers	4:00pm 6:00pm	Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec



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 Third Tuesday Group

We hope members and visitors enjoyed our recent events. In *September*, there was a very good turnout *for the talk by Owl Obsession*. We enjoyed learning about their beautiful birds and getting a chance to see a variety of them close up. Crowd favourites included Fudge the tiny Indian Scops Owl; Fergus the beautiful young Barred Owl; Dobby the very noisy native Barn Owl; and Perdy the enormous European Eagle Owl.

In *October*, *Marie from The Brick and Tile Museum* gave a fascinating talk about the rich history of brick-making in Somerset. During the 19th and 20th centuries Bridgwater became a major global hub for the production of bricks, tiles, terracotta wares and the famous *"Bath Brick"*. At the peak of production there were 16 brickyards in Bridgwater alone. The wares they produced shaped the character of many of our local towns and villages and their terracotta tiles can still be seen on the rooftops of some of the older houses in Lydford today.

Next event: November 17th at 7:30pm in Lydford Parish Hall – Our next event will be *a social meeting for members* – more details to follow in email to members.

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 l*ydfordthirdtuesday@gmail.com* at our website: *https://thirdtuesday.wixsite.com/thirdtuesday*

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Fiona Gibson
Bishop of Taunton, October 206



A journey with God

One of the most significant places in the UK for me is the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, and the pilgrimages I've made to and from the island walking barefoot over the sands have been holy moments.

Unlike other journeys, pilgrimages are deliberate journeys of transformation. I went on a pilgrimage from Watchet to Stogursey this year with a group of laity and clergy from Quantock Deanery. It had moments of challenge, and moments of joy. We were definitely changed as we travelled. It was a holy time.

In Christian teaching, pilgrimage has long been seen as a form of martyrdom. Not the martyrdom of shedding our blood, but the martyrdom of shedding our preferences, our self-centred desires.

The psalmist wrote,

"Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on a pilgrimage."

Those words show a yearning to be with God in his dwelling place, and that's a yearning we can all mirror in our prayers, whether we can physically undertake a pilgrimage or not.

One of the most famous stories of a pilgrimage is, of course, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. I find the closing words of the book among the most moving in literature, as they link our lives in this world to our journey's end with God.

"I cannot describe what Christian felt when he came face to face with the King … I woke too soon. And besides, no one can dream the Unimaginable. I shall have to cross the River myself before I can say exactly what the City of Gold contains. I would not have chosen to wake. But I did. I am awake now. Time to get up, then, I suppose, and continue the journey. I am on a pilgrimage, too, you see. Everyone is."

May God bless you on every step of your pilgrimage, and may you find your rest in him.

Fiona Gibson,
Bishop of Taunton



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Tickets (£10 each) will be on sale from 3rd November from:

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

Doors open at 7:00pm with performances starting with Good luck at 7:30pm and lasting around 2 hours

Shows will take place on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th December and Saturday 5th of December in Lydford Parish Hall.



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The tickets are £8.00 each – *Please pay cash on the door*
Doors open 7.00pm, a bar is available until 7:30pm *when the film will commence*
The film to be shown is **"The Christopher's" (2025)15 starring Ian McKellan, Michaela Coel, James Corden and Jessica Gunning.**

*"**Julian Sklar (Ian McKellan)** was once a star of London's 1960's and 70's pop art explosion, but he hasn't painted in decades and has been broke for years. His two estranged children **(James Corden and Jessica Gunning)**, desperate for an inheritance hire **Lori (Michaela Coel)** an art restorer and former forger to pose as a prospective assistant in order to access the eight unfinished canvases Julian has buried deep in storage. The plan is to complete them, then return them to storage where they are to be "discovered" on Julian's death.*

To reserve tickets or for more information please contact:
Linda Foote on (01963) 240336, 07504 867 587

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