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Keinton Methodist Chapel - Closing Service

Our last service at the Methodist Chapel will be held on Sunday, 18th October. It will be led by Rev Collin Moore and we warmly invite you to tea at 4:00pm, followed by a service of **Celebration and Thanksgiving** at 5:00pm.

PLEASE come and join us for an informal time together, remembering the Chapel's history and in true Methodist tradition singing well known hymns!!

*We very much look forward to welcoming you for this most special service*

*(See other notes from Methodist Chapel on page 10)*

Knit & Natter, Keinton Mandeville

We're very grateful to Keinton Methodist Church for their hospitality over many years of allowing Knit & Natter to use the Church Hall for our meetings.

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.

Dates to Note:

17/10 KM Big Breakfast

17/10 Honey show at C/Cary

17/10 Free PSA Testing, X Keys Inn

24/10 KM Shanty Night

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Honey Show, C Cary

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, 21st October at 2:00pm

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



SAVE THE DATE!

Barton Church Christmas Table Top Fair

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Barton Village Hall 10am to 12pm

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## Hello

Harvest this year was over much earlier than usual, the hot dry summer has had an effect on timing, yields and more. It is without doubt a challenging time for farmers and leads to further pressures on them, but also on the country as we seek to deal with the 'cost of living' crisis. For those who use oil fired heating there is additional challenge of not knowing what oil will cost and when to buy, whilst those on gas wonder what the Government will set the tariff to next time.

It is all challenging.

*So amid that how do we find life and hope?*

Well harvest allows us to thank God for what we have, **Psalm 136** is a fascinating Psalm of thanksgiving, the writer gives thanks for all the usual things: God's love, his creation, his rescue of people but he also includes surprising things like the death of opponents and God's presence in troubled times.

Each verse has in it the line '*for his steadfast love endures forever*'

Sometimes when I'm wondering where God is when life seems challenging, I create a similar Psalm or prayer with the same refrain, reminding myself that whatever is going on God's steadfast love endures forever. I may not know what is going to happen, or how things will resolve but we can see that steadfast love enduring throughout the good and bad times.

So please do come and celebrate **harvest with us in Keinton Church on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am**, followed by lunch for all (*including those who don't come to the service*) in Keinton Village Hall, please do book your place for lunch. *We look forward to seeing you and giving thanks with you.*

Jane

## Forthcoming dates:

**1<sup>st</sup> November 10:30am All Saints Holy Communion in Kingweston.** Then at **4:00pm All Souls commemoration service in Lydford Church**, an opportunity to remember and recall those whom we have loved and see no more.

## Remembrance events:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10:50am Keinton Mandeville**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November Service of Remembrance Lydford 10:15am**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10:45am Act of Remembrance Barton St David War Memorial.**

## Vicar on a Bike Update

Jane has now finished cycling, although the just giving platform - (<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/vicaronabike>)

**Remains open until 31/10/26.**

She cycled a total of 307 km on the official rides visiting churches, ascending 3,540 and descending 3,837 meters. On the five riding days a total of 16 hours and 28 minutes were spent turning the pedals!

The rides were all different, people came out to meet her in every church and the whole experience has been life changing.

You can watch a YouTube video made by the national church on the Wheathill Facebook page, or read about it here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generous-church-blog/pedal-blogpedal-power-sees-vicar-take-part-epic-fundraising-challenge>

**So far the total raised is a staggering £11,500 (on 18/9)** which is humbling and encouraging and Jane along with the community are really grateful to all who have given and encouraged us along the way

## From the Registers

*We offer our condolences to the family and friends of :*

**Mrs Jennifer SELICK** of Barton St David who passed away on the 8th August 2026 aged 87 years. Her funeral took place on the 3rd September at Barton St David 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, **Lydford church** will be open again for private prayer and visitors weekdays and weekends from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**William Blake**

During October, the choir is looking forward to singing at the Harvest Festival service, **11:00am on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, in St Mary Magdalene, Keinton** and to then enjoying a delicious **Harvest Lunch in Keinton Village Hall**.

Everyone is welcome to church and to the lunch and, if you would like to attend, *do complete a form that can be found in Keinton Stores, or check on the Wheathill Benefice website: <https://wheathill.org>*

We then move on to the Remembrance Sunday service, which will be held **at Lydford on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November** 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](mailto:r.kaywillcox@gmail.com));

**Claire Harding** ([betweenlanes@live.co.uk](mailto:betweenlanes@live.co.uk)) or;

**Rev Jane Durham** ([rev.jane.durham@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jane.durham@gmail.com)) You will be very welcome.



### Wheathill Benefice Church Services – October 2026

| Date                       | 08:30 am                                                             | 10:30 am (or as                      | Other Services                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4th Oct Trinity 18         | Morning Prayer<br>Keinton                                            | Holy Communion<br>Lydford on Fosse   | —                                     |
| <b>11th Oct Trinity 19</b> | <b>11:00am Benefice Harvest, Keinton - followed by Harvest Lunch</b> |                                      |                                       |
| 18th Oct St Luke           | Morning Prayer<br>Barton St David                                    | Holy Communion<br>Kingweston         | —                                     |
| 25th Oct Bible Sunday      | Morning Prayer<br>Lydford on Fosse                                   | Holy Communion<br>Barton St David    | <b>4:00pm Faith'n Fun<br/>Keinton</b> |
| <b>1st Nov all Saints</b>  | —                                                                    | <b>Holy Communion<br/>Kingweston</b> | <b>4:00pm All Souls<br/>Lydford</b>   |

### 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.

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## Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

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 public talks and presentations to raise funds for village environment and wildlife projects. Our next talk will be on the afternoon of *10<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Church delivered by local wildlife photographer Ben Pulletz.* Ben will not only be giving a presentation of his work, hopefully there will also be prints and calendars for you to buy - a great idea to get an early Christmas stocking filler. Keep an eye open for posters and social media for exact details of this event. Other events in the pipeline for the Autumn include *a talk by Oliver Mayo on Health Issues associated with Rural Communities.*

All our village wildlife needs a helping hand. KEG is working on campaigns to encourage residents to provide nest sites for Swallows, Swifts and Martins (*all are in decline at the moment*). We will also lobby property developers to incorporate swift bricks in new buildings or building repairs.

As we advertised last month, 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).

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 have been moved back to the Quarry Inn now it has re-opened. Our next meetings in the Quarry will be on *14<sup>th</sup> October* and *11<sup>th</sup> November*, both starting at 6:00 pm. Email: [info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk)

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**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](mailto: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. Open to anyone who wants to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville. **Dates:** *Wednesdays: October 14th; November 11th, 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 & Claire Harding*

## Keinton Mandeville Church Openers – October 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 27 <sup>h</sup> Sep– Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Roger Lock             | 224287                     |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>       | Neil Bain              | 223314                     |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>      | Graham Paulton & Lynne | 07718125505<br>07866279447 |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>      | Neill Thomas           | 223613                     |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov   | Larry Henessy          | 07777680088                |

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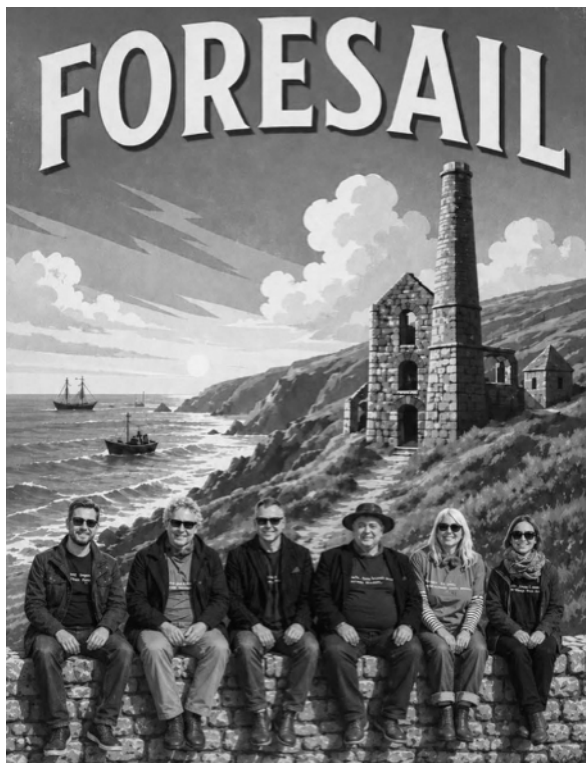
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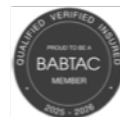
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## **St Mary Magdalene, Keinton, Christmas Tree 2026**

**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](mailto:betweenlanes@live.co.uk)

or speak to anyone on the PCC.

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

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### Barton St David History Club

After a detailed talk in September by *James Porter on the German U-Boat Strategy in World War II* and an enjoyable Members trip to the Museum of Somerset in Taunton our next meeting in Barton Village Hall will be the **Annual Robinson Memorial Lecture** in honour of the founders of the club Peter and Penny Robinson, and Dennis Powell.

**Thursday 8th October at 7:30pm – Dr Richard Brunning**, will be the speaker *"From the Sweet Track to Glastonbury Lake Village : the prehistoric archaeology of the Avalon Marshes"*

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

### 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](mailto:esbalcombe@googlemail.com)



### Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

Things are getting busy at Keinton Village Hall! **There's a Car Boot Sale on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October from 1400 -1630, with refreshments on site and in the hall.** A village **Harvest Lunch** takes place on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** and the KMVH AGM will be held in the hall at **19:30pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October**. A great opportunity to put forward ideas about how your hall can be improved and all are very welcome. Refreshments will be available.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October is the date for the 2026 Big Breakfast (09:00am – 4:00pm)** and with a **Shanty Night on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October**, in addition to the regular weekly and monthly bookings, Keinton Mandeville Village Hall is a thriving venue. But there is always room for more! Check out what's planned or look for vacancies on the website: <https://keintonmandevillevh.co.uk> And do get in touch with the hall Trustees for information at <https://keintonmandevillevh.co.uk/about-us/>

### Keinton Mandeville WI

Our September meeting welcomed a new member and five ladies as prospective members! They joined us for an informative and thought-provoking talk by *Andy Rowden from Your Secured Legacy, Taunton*. He offered advice about wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) and making sure we protect our loved ones, secure our wishes and manage our assets. On 25<sup>th</sup> September, several of our members met up for our monthly lunch date for a delicious lunch and catchup this time at the Fox and Hounds, Charlton Adam.

**Next Meetings – on 9<sup>th</sup> October**, some of us will be exploring Clarks Shoe Museum in Street, whilst **on 15<sup>th</sup> October** we will be visiting Long Sutton WI to share in their meeting which includes a session by Denise Hodgson a certified Laughter Yoga coach!

**November's meeting** 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.

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](mailto:commskmwi@gmail.com)

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The next parish council meetings are on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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](mailto:clerk@keintonmandevilleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Winners of the Garden Competition

**Containers** - 3 Alexandra Cottages, Queen Street. A wide variety of carefully tended pots making a really eye-catching display for passers by.

**Hanging baskets** - Sycamore, Church Street. Very pretty and densely packed baskets in a range of bold and complementary colours enhancing the house front.

**Front garden** - Beggars Lodge, Castle Street. A really attractive and bright space, tucked away on the side of the road with bright flowers lending colour and texture.

**Community Speedwatch** – The parish council would like to thank the team for turning out week after week with the aim of reducing the speed at which vehicles pass through our village.

**Dog waste** – Just a polite reminder that owners and walkers need to pick up after their dogs when out and about in the village. The parish council have received a number of concerns that there are areas where dog waste has been left and this could be harmful to children and other animals like sheep.

*Kaye Elston, Clerk to Keinton Mandeville Parish Council*

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### Gift Week 27<sup>th</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to all those who supported us at the Harvest Supper on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, notes below. If you could not make it, and/ or wish to donate towards the upkeep of the church, churchyard and car park we are holding our **Annual Gift Week in the week 27<sup>th</sup> September to the 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Letters will be delivered to each property during the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> with more details.

### House Communion 30<sup>th</sup> September

As mentioned in last month's magazine we are holding House Communion at 3 pm in the hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. This is a short celebration of Communion to give a chance for those who find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday to meet up for communion and which is followed by tea, cake and a chat. This is open to all in our benefice, should you need a lift please phone *Ralph Berry* on 01963 240 164.

### Shanty Night 24<sup>th</sup> October

The benefice is holding a Shanty Night on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October in Keinton Mandeville village hall, in aid of The Cornwall Air Ambulance and local charities. *Tickets are £12 in advance available from Ralph Berry 01963 240164. Please also see full details on page 10 of the magazine.*

### Tea and Talk

Those attending heard Charles Hunt give a very interesting presentation on life in Afghanistan during the war from 2002 to 2021 and the role he played in setting up literacy programs for the Afghan army and police. *£168 was raised for the Haig Housing charity, which supports the housing of armed forces veterans.*

**The next Tea and Talk will be in the form of a Taize service in the church on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, more details next month.**

### Harvest Supper

A very enjoyable evening was had by those attending the Harvest Supper on the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Tithe Barn at Huntswell House. We were treated to *Canape's, beef casserole and desert, to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest*. We wish to thank Lauren and Marty Starkey for allowing us to use their barn again, together a big thank you to Megan Bliss for cooking and preparing the lovely meal. *We raised over £2100, which after expenses, will be split 50/50 between St Peters replacement heating fund and Ripple Effect, a great effort and many thanks to all who supported us in this event.*

### Welcome and POPin Cafe

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall – From 12:00pm to 1:30pm**

We are returning this month to our delicious soup lunches – difficult to predict the weather but we're sure it will be at least a few degrees cooler!

As before, doors open at 11:30am for sit-down with soup at 12 midday – there will be the usual choice of 3 tasty soups accompanied by cheese scones or rolls. Tea and coffee are also available.

We are pleased to see everyone, so do enjoy the lunch and the company.

*On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity*

### The Walters and Pope Trust Fund (Lydford-on-Fosse)

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- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

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## Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

The PC met on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. Among the issues discussed were:

- **New Councillor** - Cllr Matt Glass, a resident from East Lydford with previous experience as a Parish Councillor in Buckinghamshire, was formally co-opted and joined the Lydford PC.
- **New Bus Service** - Our Somerset Council representative, Cllr Claire Sully, asked us to highlight *the start of the new 567 Bus Service between Castle Cary and Glastonbury* which runs through our Parish every 40 minutes from around 6:30am to 11:30pm, representing a significant increase in public transport availability. The bus will run on a trial basis until February 2027, and then a decision will be made on whether to make it a permanent service.
- **Planning** - two applications were approved this month: for a single storey extension to a house on Old School Lane in West Lydford, and for the demolition and re-building of a barn as a 5-bedroom dwelling at Rubbery Farm.
- **Neighbourhood Plan Group** - The area to be covered by our Neighbourhood Plan has been confirmed by Somerset Council. Two surveys - one for Residents and one for businesses within the Parish have been undertaken to gain the views of the community on current issues and future priorities for the Parish, including views on the type of future development that should occur here.
- **Highways Safety** - Two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have been purchased and sites for them to be mounted have been agreed with Somerset Council. It is planned to deploy them from early October.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** - This summer's problems with anti-social behaviour and the risk to bathers from the poor water quality of the River Brue were discussed, with possible solutions being identified for further investigation.

*The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Parish Hall in West Lydford from 7:00pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October.*

### Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Neighbourhood Plan surveys. Two follow-up events will be held on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (6 - 8pm) and Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October (10am - 4pm) to share the findings from the surveys and to gather local views on the specific issues identified, as well as the other work that Neighbourhood Plan team have been doing. Refreshments will also be available for all who participate.

**Next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting** will be held at Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall *between 4pm and 6pm on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October*. The agenda will be published on the Parish Council website and noticeboards a week in advance.

The meeting is open to all members of the public. So, if you'd like to know how the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing or have questions that you'd like to put to the Committee, why not come along? *Amongst other topics, they'll be discussing launching a 'Call for Sites' - a process to identify where and what type of future development should take place within the Parish.* There is also always plenty of coffee and often some pretty good cake too! Everyone is welcome.



## THE FOSSEWAY ENTERTAINERS

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This year's production by the Fosseway Entertainers,

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*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 "diddy dee" music, do come along and join us and "the craic will be mighty!"*

***We're appearing at Keinton Mandeville  
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**Talks and Suppers** – Very many thanks to everyone who came to the talks and suppers. Without your tremendous support the Chapel would not have been able to keep going until now... special thanks must go to Douglas who spear headed these events, sending countless e-mails and gentle reminders!

To Celia and Gill for their hard work in providing the delicious meals and David and Terry for running the bar. Also, to Sally and Mike for all their running around. Others were always ready to help on the door, with the raffle and all the other jobs behind the scenes, **Thank you ALL!**

#### Regular Groups – Update!

The **'Knit and Natter'** ladies used the Community Hall on a regular basis for 16 years (at least!). Thank you for your amazing displays, including the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum anniversary, VE Day and VJ Day... *Your talents are endless!!*

The **'Knit and Natter'** group now meets at St Mary's Parish Church on Monday afternoons, 2– 4pm. *ALL ARE WELCOME to join this lively and friendly group.*

The **Toddler Group** is not currently meeting, but having sorted their equipment, a donation has been made to Keinton Mandeville School to fund a *'Friendship Bench'* for the playground A wonderful and fitting reminder of happy times at Toddlers!

#### Stop Press!

On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September we hosted a group of walkers, heading to **Somerton from Wincanton, for much needed refreshments.** The walk was in aid of the Methodist Charity *'All we can do'* and led by Rev Collin Moore. After an overnight stop in Somerton, they carried on to Street and Glastonbury – a total of approx. 30 mile/50Km. **WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!**

#### And Finally ...!

It's with very heavy hearts that it has come to the point of closing our much loved Chapel. Our best hope is that it will be put to good use, maybe for the community in the future. With love and very best wishes from us all –

**GOD BLESS!!**



## Lydford and District Gardening Club

There are more important and stressful things than lighting a charcoal barbecue so that cooking can be done at a certain time and then continue for an hour or so afterwards. Dealing with a two year old when the little treasure in question is in an uncooperative mood is undoubtedly more stressful than trying to get a few bits of fuel to light, especially when there is one of those wonders of modern technology, an electric oven, close at hand, ready to take over if striking a flint or rubbing two sticks together fails to do the job.

Watching a football team is probably a more stressful occupation of time, especially when some of the players seem to have forgotten how to kick a ball in an accurate fashion despite being paid so much that they need more accountants to handle their finances than a medium sized international arms manufacturing company. Being a brain surgeon must have its moments of worry and consternation.

Getting a few bits of wood, already partially combusted in an atmosphere lacking oxygen, rather like pubs in the old days before the smoking ban, to take a flame and then throw out a bit of heat and cook a few sausages cannot be that difficult. However, when things do not seem to be working and the charcoal in question is in the form of briquettes rather than lump wood, as preferred by the cognoscenti of the al fresco cooking world, questions begin to appear in the mind of the gently panicking fire starters. Why don't fire lighters light fires? Is it possible to make lump wood charcoal in twenty minutes? What is wrong with raw sausages anyway, especially when they come from a renowned local butcher. But then, as in all the best old westerns where the cavalry come galloping over the horizon just as the circle of wagons is about to be overrun, a few red embers begin to glow and throw out a bit of heat, early sausages begin to brown and sizzle and the ravening hordes of the gardening club relax, secure in the knowledge that a hotdog or two or even three, is on its way.

*Thus the Gardening Club annual barbecue, produce swap and remarkable raffle passed in a peaceful and friendly fashion.* Tales of summer aridity were shared, successes were discreetly bragged about and failures were blamed on some ocean current off the western coast of South America or, more probably, peat-free compost and the unavailability of weed killer that actually kills weeds.

As well as sausages the menu contained some glorious fruit crumbles and cream prepared by several of the members. Following on from the potato growing competition, perhaps the next event could be a crumble making contest! It would be a brave person who would offer to judge that particular challenge, knowing that they would mightily offend all but one of the entrants!

### And so to October

The next meeting of the Club will be on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall and at the regular time of 19:00hrs ready for the speaker to do their stuff at 19:15hrs.

On this occasion the person who will hold forth is none other than Sally Nex, a regular and most welcome visitor to the Club, and she will be talking about 'Gardening without Peat'. This subject should be of interest to many, as issues have been raised in numerous conversations as to how modern growing media can be made to do what it says it does on the grow-bag.

Speakers always do their best to answer any questions that members might have. Whilst this may not extend to helping with G.C.S.E. Maths homework or giving tips as to the winner of the 3:15 at Wincanton, queries do not always have to be related directly to the topic of the evening's talk. Therefore members can always seek horticultural advice if they have an issue which is causing loss of sleep or over-frequent visits to the gin bottle.

Given recent earth-shattering news, perhaps someone will ask if Ms. Nex has an inside line on the major question that is doing the rounds in professional gardening circles.

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## **\*\* 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast \*\***

**Taking place Saturday, 17th October 9:00am, In Keinton Mandeville Village Hall**

Breakfast 9:00am until 1:00pm or enjoy a cream tea from 2:00pm until 4pm (*or maybe both!*) All funds raised will help to support many of our local organisations plus Alzheimer's Society, WHY and Save the Children. The Full Monty Breakfast which includes 8 different items, 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.

Whilst a delicious breakfast or cream tea are the star attractions, there will also be a tombola, cake stall and a very big raffle with a remarkable range of super prizes and three charity stalls. We will be organising a collection of donations for the tombola in some areas of the village, more details to follow on social media. Do come along with family and friends to support this amazing and special fundraising and social event for our community and local groups. We know that many find waiting in the queue to order your breakfast can be a bit onerous, so to help the time pass more quickly there will be some musical entertainment! We will have card readers for payment on the day but we welcome cash payments too!

Committee member/helpers will be selling raffle tickets door to door from late September, so do have cash available, *using a card reader at your door isn't feasible at the moment*. Prizes for the massive raffle include a £200 cash prize and many more, kindly donated by local businesses and individuals. Watch for raffle prize news on social media over the next weeks. Raffle ticket sellers will have a long list of prizes when they knock on your door! ***For the first time we will be offering a silent auction for a donated racing bike!*** More details/photos will soon appear on social media. If you would like to make a bid for the bike and are unable to attend on the day, please send your name, contact details and bid to the Big Breakfast email [keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com) by the end of Saturday, October 17th. As we have said this amazing and much anticipated, village event is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year. Very many local groups participate and/or benefit from the Big Breakfast as well as everyone who enjoys a big community get-together. *So, it is very sad to say that this may be the last year for the Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast. The current chair and secretary will be standing down after the event and, unless replacements come forward, there will be no Big Breakfast next year. In view that this could well be the last one the committee want it to be as successful as possible,* we please ask you to support the raffle by buying tickets and the tombola by donating prizes.

*Should you have any interest in helping to guide and continue this great annual community event, please talk, soon, to any committee member or contact us on [keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com).*

**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, for a special activity or for anything else please contact the committee on [keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:keintonbigbreakfast@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there and, in the meantime, will update you through social media about the tombola collection and how you can make a silent bid for the bike.

**The Committee**

### **Wheathill Priory Community Transport**

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- the doctor, dentist, hospital (*if free transport is not available*), post office, shops,
- friends or relatives (*including when in hospital*)
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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

Around the Parish Hall This Month – There's a lively mix of regular sessions and special events at the hall this month. Our usual groups will be meeting throughout the month - *Scrapbags*, *Yoga with Jill*, the *Royal Enfield Owners Club*, and the ever *Welcoming PopIn* gathering which will be returning to soup lunches during the cooler months. The hall will also host several *Parish Council meetings* their usual monthly meeting as well as Neighbourhood Plan subgroup meetings.

The Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan team will be running two public events to share the findings from the recent village survey. It's an important moment for the community and the future of the parish, and everyone is encouraged to come along and have their say.

*The Fosseway Entertainers* are beginning rehearsals for their early December Whodunnit, the *Gardening Club* welcomes *Sally Nex*, who'll be speaking about gardening without peat, and the *Third Tuesday Group* will be hearing from the *Brick and Tile Museum*, with insights into one of Somerset's traditional industries. Plenty to enjoy, plenty to contribute to, and always a warm welcome at the Parish Hall.

### User Events for October 2026

|                                   |                                                                         |                            |                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thur 1st                          | Scrapbags<br>Yoga                                                       | 2 - 4pm<br>7:00pm          | Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts<br>Local Yoga group with Jill                                 |
| Mon 5th                           | Fosseway Entertainers                                                   | 6:00pm                     | Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec                                                               |
| Tues 6th                          | Neighbourhood Plan                                                      | 2 - 4pm                    | Engagement Goup Meeting                                                                   |
| Tues 6th                          | Fosseway Entertainers                                                   | 5:30pm                     | Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec                                                               |
| Tues 6th                          | St Perters PCC Meeting                                                  | 7:00pm                     | Committee Meeting                                                                         |
| Wed 7th                           | Neighbourhood Plan                                                      | 4:00pm                     | Steering Group Meeting                                                                    |
| Wed 7th                           | P.Hall Management                                                       | 7:00pm                     | Committee mtg, planning                                                                   |
| Sat 10th                          | Private events                                                          | All Day                    | Apple Day                                                                                 |
| Sun 11th<br>Mon 12th              | Fosseway Entertainers<br>Fosseway Entertainers                          | 4:00pm<br>5:30pm           | Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec<br>Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec                                |
| Mon 12th                          | Royal Enfield Owners Club                                               | 7:30pm                     | Members and guests of Club                                                                |
| Tues 13th                         | LDGC                                                                    | 7:00pm                     | Speaker - Sally Nex                                                                       |
| Wed 14th                          | Parish Council Meeting                                                  | 7:00pm                     | All welcome to attend                                                                     |
| Thur 15th                         | Scrapbags<br>Yoga                                                       | 2 - 4pm<br>7:00pm          | Sociable Fabric/Wool Crafts<br>Local Yoga group with Jill                                 |
| Sun 18th<br>Mon 19th<br>Tues 20th | Fosseway Entertainers<br>Fosseway Entertainers<br>Fosseway Entertainers | 4:00pm<br>6:00pm<br>5:30pm | Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec<br>Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec<br>Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec |
| Tues 20th                         | Third Tuesday Group                                                     | 7:30pm                     | The Brick and Tile Museum                                                                 |
| Thurs 22nd                        | Yoga                                                                    | 7:00pm                     | Local Yoga group with Jill                                                                |
| Fri 23<br>Sat 24th                | Neighbourhood Plan<br>Neighbourhood Plan                                | 6:00pm<br>10:00am          | Community Feedback event<br>Community Feedback event                                      |
| Sun 25th<br>Mon 26th              | Fosseway Entertainers<br>Fosseway Entertainers                          | 4:00pm<br>6:00pm           | Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec<br>Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec                                |
| Tues 27th                         | Welcome & POPin Cafe                                                    | 10:30am                    | All welcome/drinks & bakes                                                                |
| Tues 27th                         | Fosseway Entertainers                                                   | 5.30pm                     | Rehearseals for 3/4/5th Dec                                                               |

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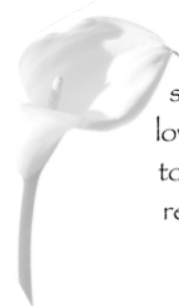
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#### West Lydford

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

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*When the clocks change remember these safety tips & to-do's  
 to keep your family and home safe*

#### Smoke Alarms

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

#### Carbon Monoxide Detector

- If you live in a house that's entirely powered by electricity, you won't need a carbon monoxide detector. But if you have a fuel (gas, LPG, oil, wood burning boiler, fire or stove), you should have one in every room where the fuel is burned.
- Check the date on your carbon monoxide (CO) detector. Replace any CO detector older than five years.
- You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide, you need to be able to recognise the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning – headache, breathlessness, confusion, dizziness, nausea and fatigue – it can feel like a dose of the flu!

**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](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) or by phoning 101 or in an emergency, 999.

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*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](mailto:annefleming1@btinternet.com)**

*Anne Fleming*

#### Lydford Third Tuesday Group

**Next Event – 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm in Lydford Parish Hall – A Talk about the History of the Brick and Tile Industry in Somerset.** Marie Emmerson from *The Somerset Brick and Tile Museum (part of the South-West Heritage Trust)* will tell us about the rich history of the brick and tile industry in Somerset.

Bridgwater once produced a wide variety of bricks, tiles, terracotta plaques and other wares that shaped the character of many of our local towns and villages. Come and hear about one of the many important industries once found in our region. All welcome to come along to this talk- only £3 per visitor.

Women visitors from Lydford and surrounding villages are welcome to ALL our events, usually held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, West Lydford (unless otherwise stated). For details of this year's programme or more information contact us at [lydfordthirdtuesday@gmail.com](mailto:lydfordthirdtuesday@gmail.com) at our website: <https://thirdtuesday.wixsite.com/thirdtuesday>

**Fiona Gibson**

**Bishop of Taunton, October 206**



### **Every story honoured**

In August I had the immense privilege of meeting *Lynette Richards-Lorde who came to Flourish House with her daughter Chrissy Richards-Levi and Susan Savidge, Chair of Somerset African Caribbean Network.* Hearing Lynette's story of faith, courage, and public service was a joyful and humbling experience.

She came to Taunton, aged just 19, in 1959 in answer to an invitation from the British government to come to the UK to work in the NHS. Initially training as a nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, Lynette then became a midwife and, during a distinguished career in hospitals across the UK, became the UK's first Black divisional nursing officer for midwifery. And it all started right here in Somerset!

You can read more about Lynette's story on the diocesan website but, for me, the most moving part about meeting Lynette was seeing how extraordinarily humble she is, and what a great impact she has had on the lives not just of the mothers she helped during pregnancy and delivery, but on British society as a whole.

October is Black History Month. It's easy to think it's solely about learning more of the history of Black people across the world, and that's an important part of it. But more than that, it's about acknowledging and celebrating the history of those of Global Majority Heritage who have played, and continue to play, an integral part in British society and churches for centuries. Black History Month teaches us all more about our collective story.

Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton, invites us all, however we mark Black History Month, to allow our celebrations to,

*"help us become more truly intercultural communities, where every story is honoured, every gift welcomed, and every person cherished in Christ."*

We'd love to hear about your plans to do just that, wherever you are across our diocese.

**Fiona Gibson,**

**Bishop of Taunton**

### **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.

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**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.*

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