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Join us to Celebrate

Keinton Mandeville Coronation Celebration

Sunday 7th May 2023

**At Keinton Mandeville Village Hall, TA11 6ES
Between 12.30pm - 8pm**

**Family fun throughout the afternoon
followed by a family Disco from 5pm -8pm**

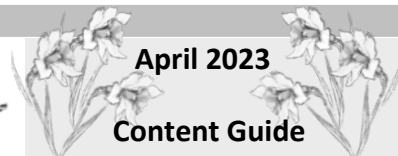
**Toast to the King Picnic Lunch Coconut Shy
Treasure hunt Disco Games Entertainment
Children's King/Queen parade Quiz Bouncy castle
Candy Floss BBQ Strawberries and cream
Bake off competition Tea/Coffee Pims Thai
Tug of war Bar and more...**

This is a FREE to enter event

'The Great Keinton Coronation Bake Off'



All entries should be brought to the refreshments area by 1:00pm; judging will take place between 1:30 - 2:00pm. All cake entries will be sold in slices during the afternoon tea of the Keinton Mandeville Coronation Party. All Cakes entered will require an allergens form to be filled out. There will be two groups for judging, children up to the age of 16 and adults. There will be a prize to keep for the winner of each group. The Competition is Free to enter.



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Friendly legal advice at a difficult time

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Celebrating the resurrection pattern!

It is amazing how quickly a pattern can be ingrained and how difficult it can be to unlearn. Having recently moved into a new home we've been slowly figuring out our new space, which sometimes means moving things around. For the first few months we had drinking glasses in a particular cupboard which, in time, my wife felt were not the best place for them and so moved them to a more efficient and more suitable cupboard. Those glasses have been in their new location for months now, but I still can't help going to where they used to be every time I want to get a drink! I am hoping that one day my brain will adopt the new kitchen pattern.

Have you ever thought about Easter as God revealing life's true pattern? We live our lives thinking that the pattern goes; life - death, life - death. And you'd be forgiven for thinking that because it's such a pervasive sequence. You're born you live you die; things start and go for a while and then they end.

But Easter and the resurrection, Jesus alive, reveals the true pattern, it doesn't go life and then death but rather, death and then life. Death first and then life, this is always the case.

The miracle is that resurrection is life's true pattern. Don't be fooled into thinking it's the other way round. **It's not death that is inevitable, life is inevitable,** because God's love always makes all things new.

Mary Magdalene should have known this pattern. When Jesus first met her, she was dead before she died. Possessed by demons, the physical and mental anguish she must have endured; her humiliation and incapacity must have at times been too much to bear. Life must have seemed like this slow inevitable winding down to death.

Her reaction to the resurrection in *John 20:11-18* is so human that in a way she represents us all. Like us, she is so accustomed to the old life death pattern. Jesus is risen but like us she keeps visiting the tomb. First on her own, then with the disciples and then she stays there. She can't let go of the dead Jesus to receive the living Christ. She is too afraid to let go of the past, that was so good, to see the risen messiah standing in front of her. In her mind, at least for a moment, it is better to hold onto the dead bones of what was, than to embrace the new life offered, because it means having a moment of nothing between then and now.

To hold onto the thing that was once alive is to hold onto the thing that is now dead. We all want life, we all want love to make things new but we fear dying first and so we can't get around the pattern. Jesus himself said

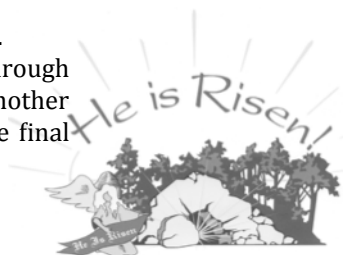
"Whoever tries to save their life (who ever tries to avoid the death) will lose it, but whoever gives up their life for me will find the very life they long for".

To get to the life there must be death. The new life of Easter would not be if Jesus had avoided the death of the cross.

By dying our death Jesus merges himself to us and when death comes, when brokenness and hopelessness approach, we need not cower away in fear because in Christ we have the victory, life is the final word. Even at our very last breath, Jesus will be there making all things new.

The call then is to go and be God's easter people. To go in the Love of Jesus and let that love shine through by risking, taking steps of faith, giving people another chance saying we will try again because, life is the final word, new life is God's true pattern!

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed,
our God is not dead he's alive, he's alive!




Churches opening for private prayer

The churches of Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville and Kingweston are now all open daily. Lydford church will open at the weekends as before once local conditions allow.

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.

Wheathill Benefice Worship

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
1st April	—		2:00 Pm Wedding Keinton
2nd April. <i>Palm Sunday</i>	—	<i>Holy Communion Barton St David</i>	—
6th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>		<i>Funeral of Margaret Maunder 11:00 am at Kingweston</i>	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7:00 pm Keinton
7th April Good Friday		At the foot of the Cross 2:00 pm Barton St David	—
9th April Easter Day	—	Easter Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	<i>Easter Blessings!</i>
16th April Easter 2	—	Holy Communion Kingweston	
23rd April Easter 3	Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse	Holy Communion Barton St David	Faith 'n Fun 4:00 pm Keinton
30th April Easter 4	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	—

From the Registers

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of:

John Raymond BELL a long time resident of East Lydford, who died at Crandon Springs Care Home at Wells on Monday, 19th December 2022 aged 92 years. The funeral service took place at St Peters, Lydford on Fosse on Tuesday, 17th January 2023 followed by cremation at the Mendip Crematorium.

Megan Frances CABLE of Appleton, Queen Street, Keinton Mandeville who died at Yeovil District Hospital on Sunday, 12th February aged 92 years. The funeral service took place at Keinton Mandeville Methodist Church on Friday, 17th March followed by the cremation at Mendip Crematorium the same day.

Maxwell ('Max') James FOSTER of London WC1, who died on Tuesday, 20th December 2022 and was buried in Barton St David Churchyard on Friday, 27th January 2023.

Barbara Edith LEE a long time resident of Barton St David who died at home on Sunday, 27th November 2022 aged 97 years. Her funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium on Friday, 9th December 2022.

Eileen LOVELESS of Castle House Nursing Home, Keinton Mandeville, who died at the home on 6th March 2023 aged 72 years. A funeral service was held at St Peters, West Lydford on Monday, 20th March.

John Alexander SPEARING of Glastonbury Care Home, Glastonbury, formerly of Kingweston, who died at the home on Thursday, 22nd December 2022 aged 83 years. A cremation service was held at Mendip Crematorium on Monday, 16th January 2023.

Peter WALKER of the Dial House, West Lydford, who died at home on 1st February aged 89 years. A Celebration of his life was held at St Peters, West Lydford, on Tuesday, 28th February 2023.

Robert William WHITE who died on 1st June 2022 and was interred in Barton St David Churchyard on Monday, 16th January 2023.



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Churches Annual Meetings

Each year our churches hold Annual Meetings. At these we elect Churchwardens, members of our Parish Church Councils and representatives to Deanery Synod (the group of churches in the local area).

In order to vote at the PCC people need to be on the **Electoral Roll**, which you can join if you live in the parish, or after 6 months if you worship in the parish (Ask Jane if you'd like more information!).

Our Annual Meetings will be held after Sunday morning worship as follows:

16th April 2023 12:00 pm in Kingweston for Keinton Mandeville with Kingweston;

23rd April 2023 12:00 pm in Barton St David for Barton St David and

30th April 2023 12:00 pm in Lydford for Lydford on Fosse

Transport to Church

An understanding has been reached with (WPCT) **Wheathill Priory Community Transport** for those people who need lifts to Church Services.

WPCT will try to assist on Sunday mornings, so if this applies to you or someone you know, **please ring 07799 487 719**, preferably 48 hours in advance.

Thank you WPCT!

Government Help for Alt Fuel costs

Do you heat your home with alternative fuel? (Oil, electricity, wood etc). Have you received the £200 Government help for costs (it comes via your electricity provider)? If not go to **gov.uk** and search for alternative fuel grant and you can apply that way.

If you live somewhere off the gas mains then you probably have received it automatically, but if you're in an area where many people use gas you'll probably have to apply for yourself.

Keinton Mandeville Parish Church Openers – April 2023

Should you need to swap, please could you let Emma know as well as the person due to hand the key onto you. Meanwhile, if anyone else would like to help with the locking and unlocking of the church, please call 223344.

Sunday 26 th Mar – Sunday 2 nd Apr	Roger Locke	224287
Sunday 2 nd Apr – Sunday 9 th	Helen & Tony Gosney	224192
Sunday 9 th Apr – Sunday 16 th	Joanne Wallwork	07757704221
Sunday 16 th Apr – Sunday 23 rd	Larry Hennessy	224132
Sunday 23 rd Apr – Sunday 30 th	Ean & Freddie Jackson	224475
Sunday 30 th Apr – Sunday 7 th May	Belinda & Viv Simson	223470

The Henry Livius Trust

The Livius Trust aims to provide items, services or facilities at Keinton Mandeville Primary School to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England. The Trustees are open to any proposals to accord with the Trusts aims. **Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417**

Deborah Whittingham (01458) 224057 Belinda Simson (01458) 223470

Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group

Do you like playing table top games like Scrabble, Rummikub, Boggle, Cards, Chess and many more? If so, why not come along to the next session being held in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall on Wednesday, April 19th between 10:00am and 12 noon. It is absolutely free as it is funded by KM Parish Council. We play games, chat and drink tea and coffee in a lovely warm space. If you felt able to come we would love to see you. There is no need to book and if you have a game you would like to play then bring it along. *The group is open to anyone who would like to come... you don't just need to live in Keinton Mandeville.*

We have also booked the following dates for you to put in your diaries. Wednesdays on May 17th, June 14th, July 12th and August 9th.

Viv Lane & Claire Harding

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall & Playing Field Trust

The Trustees of Keinton Mandeville Village Hall and Playing Field Trust are deeply saddened at the passing of John Light, long serving trustee and treasurer.

John was a leading figure and constant supporter of the village hall for over 30 years. During this period he was ever willing to devote his time, extensive technical expertise and energy in running the hall for the benefit of the community and the many groups that use it.

As a key member of the team involved in raising the grants and building the hall, John was known for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the working of the building and he will be sorely missed.

Our deepest condolences go to John's family at this sad time.

Benefice Choir

The choir is delighted to be rehearsing music that is looking forward to Easter and which will be sung on Maundy Thursday and on Easter Sunday.

A church choir is often asked to support special occasions, including weddings or funerals, when music can bring great joy, and comfort too. And so it is that this month a small group of voices from the Benefice Choir has been invited to sing at the funeral service for a longstanding member of the community, and to celebrate a life well lived through the music chosen for the occasion. It will be a privilege.

The choir normally meets on a Thursday evening at 7:30pm in Kingweston Church, so if you would like to join, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Lynne Kirkman on 01458 224158 – you'll be very welcome.



Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

The scheme offers a volunteer driving service by and for the residents of Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St David.

If you reside in any of these villages, do not drive or have your own transport and have difficulty with public transport you may be eligible to use the scheme.

It can be used for, but not necessarily restricted to:

- Journeys to the doctor, hospital (if free transport is not available), postoffice, shopping.
- Visits to friends or relatives (including when in hospital)
- journeys to bus stops, bus stations, railway stations for onward journeys.

Should you find yourself in need of a lift please give us a call – preferably 48hrs in advance – and we will do what we can to help – **contact number is: 07799 487 719**

For further information visit the village web site or, alternatively, brochures are available from the coordinator. **4th Covid Jabs** – If you are a resident of Keinton Mandeville, Lydford-on-Fosse, Barton St David or Kingweston, your local Community Transport is able to provide FREE transport to Local Vaccination Centres. Interested? Please call 07799 487 719.

Mid Wessex Singers A date for your diary

Somerton-based Mid Wessex Singers would like to invite you to:

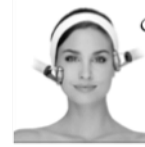
A Spring Concert

At 7:30pm on Saturday, May 13th 2023

To be held at Long Sutton Village Hall and entitled 'A Choral Ark'

The programme will include a variety of choral works with some additional solo or small group items of light entertainment, all on an animal or bird theme. *Tickets, priced at £10* which includes interval nibbles, are available from *Cobbs in Somerton or Long Sutton Village Shop*. If any are left they will be on the door but be advised we sold out last year!

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Next Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th April 2023 starting at 7:30 pm in the village hall. Public session will take place at 7:30 pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Pavement outside the Shop

There has been a temporary repair but we will continue to press Somerset County Council to ensure a more permanent repair is carried out.

Traffic Survey Commissioned

The parish council commissioned a consultant to complete a survey in the village due to concerns around road safety and the data produced by the Speed Indicator Device. The survey has been completed and a report will be received by the parish council which will make recommendations.

These recommendations will be considered alongside budget opportunities.

Planning Applications

The parish council are one of the consultees when an application is made and will be referenced on the monthly agenda. It is recommended that you would also have a conversation with your neighbours as part of your application process.

Queens Green Canopy Project

The trees have been planted at the Village Hall on the 18th February, and the feedback has been that it was a great community event.

Book Library in the Telephone Kiosk

Thank you to the kind person who tidied up the books in the kiosk as it now looks much more inviting.

Kaye Elston

Keinton Mandeville Residents - Speedwatch

We are the Keinton Mandeville Speedwatch Team and our aim is to monitor and slow down traffic in our village. We are supported by Avon and Somerset Police and they provide all equipment, PPE and insurance. We are a small team, currently four and try to do around two one hour sessions a week. Due to illness, we have lost a couple of people, so as mentioned *there are only four of us and we need some more volunteers.*

Therefore if you have concerns about speeding traffic in the village, and you have a little bit of spare time then please get in touch. If anyone can offer just one hour a week that would help make a difference. We all agree days and times between us, and we change these from week to week.

If interested please contact John Walker at email: chalky1748@icloud.com



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Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

The Keinton Community Copse

On February 18th over 70 volunteers helped plant 280 trees and shrubs in the area of the Village Hall grounds to the north and west of the MUGA.



The trees were donated by the Somerset Rivers Authority and expertise on planting and the layout was provided by representatives from Reimagining the Levels.

This community-owned woodland will not only provide a small but significant buffer against climate change and localised flooding, but will also give pleasure and health benefits for Keinton residents for generations to come.

Thank you

Thanks are due to the *Somerset Rivers Authority* for providing the trees, to *Kate Towers and her team from Reimagining the Levels* for supervising and helping with the planting, and also to the dozens of *volunteers from Keinton Environment Group and the local community* who helped on the day. Thanks also to *the Parish Council* for providing the mulch which will protect the trees and help them become established, and not least to *the Trustees of the Village Hall and Playing Fields* for allowing us to use their land.

If you have not visited the Keinton Community Copse yet, we recommend you do as soon as you can. This is the first of a number of environmental projects we are planning for the village, and if you would like to get involved do contact us through one of the links below.

Meeting Date

You could also come to our next meeting which is on Wednesday, 12th April at 7:30 pm in the Quarry Inn

Facebook: (5) Keinton Environment Group (KEG) Facebook
Email: info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk

Let's ALL Be Able To Listen To Nature....

As Winter slowly loosens its grip and the days lengthen, the birds begin to call for the coming spring, and plants sense the slight warming of the Sun and longer minutes of daylight.

We too, start to venture in to the gardens and even beyond to embrace nature that is so beneficial to our well being. As we take that exciting step beyond our own lands, do we ask ourselves; *"Do I actually listen & appreciate nature, without a trace?"*

Whilst we may be lucky enough to glimpse the evidence of the Fauna & Flora on our travels, their impact is usually somewhat muted; so we have to listen and look all that harder. So next time you venture out; Think! *Am I too loud to hear that about me... Wait I can now hear Nature!*

I wonder if we too could be a little less intrusive and allow ALL to Listen To Nature.

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Lydford and District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has been grafting hard to help its members get through the grim months of February and March. The helpline for depressed diggers has been ringing constantly throughout the last few months and many sobbing horticulturalists have been consoled after offloading their hysterical tales of dark days, wet days, cold days, windy days, frosty nights, non-germinating seeds, rapacious mice, ridiculously positive pictures on seed packets, lavish and almost illegally tempting advertisements in otherwise reliable titles such as the Radio Times and similar aspects of life which are guaranteed to direct any self-respecting gardener towards the gin bottle, chocolate stash or carbohydrate corner.

A flicker of light in the Stygian gloom of February was provided by Nick Mann who talked about wildflower meadows and worked hard to make himself heard above the cacophony of coughing that arose from a mid-winter audience during his presentation. As the date of this talk was the 14th February, one of the members, Ian Poynter, most generously provided a red rose for each of the female identifying members of the Club. A romantic and thoughtful gesture which put many of those who possibly consider themselves 'male' to shame, but at least ensured that there was at least one flower in the vase on the mantelpiece! Life would seem to be getting trickier by the minute in terms of gender recognition and it does make writing a long business.

After the minefield that February 14th has always been, possibly for lots of different reasons - do memories of teenage trauma spring to mind? - March appeared in a much more positive manner. The helpline was less busy. Seeds were being sown, greenhouses given the once over with the glorious potion that is Jeyes Fluid, flower pots washed in the aforementioned elixir and snowdrops, primroses and early daffodils gladdening the eye.

Colin Higgins or 'Higgy' as he is known to his friends and associates came to talk about his ideas on wildlife gardening and show some of his impressive nature photographs. One of the major themes of his talk was the importance of having a pond in a garden as a means of attracting a wide range of creatures. Birds need to drink and bathe, amphibians obviously need a bit of dampness, insects flock to most watering holes and any old bath or sink can be used to provide such a focus.

Colin spoke well and with enthusiasm. He offered glorious images of a full herbaceous border and appeared to be doing his bit for conservation in North Somerset. Members seemed impressed and even inspired so if any sinks go missing in the near future then a perceptive detective might know where to begin their investigation!

Next Meeting

Traditions can be wonderful things. Red roses, Easter eggs, pancakes, taking guard on middle and leg, planting potatoes on Good Friday, growing broad beans even if they are not a favourite and supporting a mediocre football team are all things that, occasionally, warm even tundra-like hearts with fond memories and hopes for the future.

One such, long standing event is the April meeting of the Gardening Club which ups-sticks from the riparian setting of the Parish Hall to the gritty, suburban and commercial maelstrom that is Brimsmore Garden Centre.



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Lydford and District Gardening Club – Continued

The form of the evening will be as comfortable as the sweatshirt that is only allowed to be worn in the garden when no-one is around. Arriving at 18.00 hrs on Tuesday, April 11th, members should have a look around the store before being corralled into the cafe area for a cup of something, perhaps even a biscuit. Not a 'real' biscuit, obviously, not a proper Lydford biscuit, but something that might just be recognisable as a shadow of the genuine article.

Then there will follow a bit of a sales pitch followed by the chance to shop with a virtual "25% off" sale ticket hanging on everything in the place. To use a modern form in a slightly disdainful fashion, what is not to like! April will undoubtedly rise as a phoenix from the cold and dismal ashes of a long winter. Plants will grow, flowers will bloom and slugs and snails will cheerfully sign up to a non-aggression pact. We can but dream!



Lydford Ladies Third Tuesday Group

Instead of our usual meeting in January, a group of us enjoyed a meal out at the Cross Keys one Saturday lunchtime. A few ladies had just pre-ordered the soup but, on arrival at the pub, sensibly upgraded to hearty "pub grub" options with chips! In February there was a good turnout for our Annual Review meeting. We discussed last year's events and made plans for the coming year. We were very pleased to welcome several new members.

Future Meetings

April 18th at 7:30pm: "Walking the Arctic Circle Trail"

A talk by Lizzie & Dave Reynolds. They will tell us about their 102 mile walk into the wilderness of Greenland and share their photos and feelings about a truly memorable journey. *This is an "Open Meeting" – all welcome**

May 16th at 7:30pm: "Falling with Style"– A talk by Lottie Dale, a record-breaking skydiver who has completed more than 1200 parachute jumps (Open Meeting*)

June 20th : Summer Garden Party in Lydford Sports field.

July 23rd : Outdoor theatre: "Romeo & Juliet" at Bishop's Palace.

August 15th at 2:30pm Outing to Frogmary Farm.

September: Outing – details to be decided.

October 17th : Talk by Craft House Chocolate (Somerton).

November 21st : Social evening in hall with "Desert Island Discs" theme!

January 16th 2024 Meal out at a local pub....to be decided!

Women Visitors are welcome to all our events held at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of most months in the Parish Hall, West Lydford. Please contact Sarah Gooder on 240698 or Lesley Ridgley on 240837 if you would like more information or if you would like to come along with someone.

*Everyone is welcome to attend our "Open Meetings" – men, women and children! (£3 for non-members). Please take a look at our website if you are interested in joining the club or coming to any of our events –

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The Services for April are on Page 3 of the magazine.

Easter Saturday, 8th April – Planting of Easter Garden

The planting of the Easter Garden will take place at 10:30 am in the Churchyard. All children are invited to come along and help. There has been a change of plan and at the end the children can do their own planting to take home together with an Easter Egg and pamphlet about the meaning of Easter. During the morning there will also be an Easter Egg Hunt. This will be a fun morning and we hope as many as possible will join us children, parents and grandparents.



Date for your Diary – Patronal Service on Sunday, 2nd July, 10:30am followed by Barbecue.

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: (01963) 240735 or The Treasurer, Ann Parkhouse tel: 01963 240268.*

Welcome & POPin Cafe

The Soup Lunches appeared to be very welcome and such a success! Lovely to see so many attending. We may return to these in the latter months of the year.

For now, the usual Coffee and Biscuits will be on offer and the **next Cafe will be held on Tuesday, 25th April in the Parish Hall at 10:30am – 12 Midday.**

As usual everyone is welcome and hopefully the weather will be warmer and sunnier by then!

Lydford Parish Hall

**You are invited to a community gathering regarding possible refurbishment and updates to the Hall facilities,
On Tuesday, 4th April 2023**

At 7:00 pm

**In Lydford Parish Hall, West Lydford,
TA11 7HD (next to St Peter's Church)**

The Hall is in a very good material state but as it's 20 years since the last major renovation, the Lydford Parish Hall Management Committee notes there are different users today and perhaps they have other requirements.

As changes in how the building functions emerge, rather than smaller separate work, the Committee would like to scope a possible more encompassing upgrade. To do this we need to know what the Community likes and dislikes, is now redundant, needs and would love to see going forward for the next 20 years.

To gather your thoughts you are warmly invited to join us for a friendly gathering at the Hall, to help us discuss the "what" and begin the next exciting phase of this, our own Community building.

Please do also share this invitation with anyone who might be interested or indeed is just curious. Everyone is welcome!

*For further details: email contact@lydfordparishhall.org.uk;
news, bookings and clubs see www.lydfordparishhall.org.uk;
or our Facebook page for events and news @[lydfordparishhall.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/lydfordparishhall.org.uk)*

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council - AGM

The Lydford On Fosse Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall, West Lydford. It will be a great opportunity to find out what's going on in the parish with lots of interesting guest speakers and opportunities for Q & A sessions with your District and County Councillors. Catch up with neighbours, and meet new people whilst enjoying some light refreshments. All residents are welcome. Please contact Julie Nicol lofclerk@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

The council meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall close to St. Peter's church, West Lydford. Details are published in the Agendas and Minutes posted on the village noticeboards in each settlement.

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Barton St David Church Plant Sale

There will be a fund-raising plant sale in aid of Barton St David Church in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 13th May 2023 from 10:00 am to 12 midday**. In addition to plants there will be Bric-a-Brac, Books, Jigsaws and cake stalls along with refreshments.

Donations, especially plants are needed!

Please deliver donations to the Village Hall on Friday, 12th from 7:00 – 8:30pm or on the Saturday morning from 09:00 am. Alternatively please deliver donations before 5:00 pm on the Friday to either Churchbrook House or Rosedale in Church Street.

We need volunteers both to set up the stalls at 7:00 pm on the Friday and to man the stalls and clear up on the 13th. Would volunteers please contact Carolyn Browning (851617) or Wendy Eitzen (850011).

Barton St David History Club

After three very different and very entertaining presentations on the history of Cider and Wassail, Hi-tech Dairy Farming and the Rivers and Canals of Somerset our varied Spring programme continues with the following events all in the Barton Village Hall:

April 2023 – Thursday, 13th April at 7:30pm John Smith *"The Battle of Britain over Somerset"*.

May 2023 – Thursday, 4th May at 7:30pm Andrew Pickering *"Fact or Fiction? Somerset and it's legendary kings : Arthur and Alfred"*. Free admission for members, non-members £2 cash on the door please. All are welcome.

ISOLATIONA MOAN !

I'm feeling rather "low" today, I'm feeling rather "grey".
I think I'll try to write a poem to drive the "blues" away!
I sit here in my window, I look out and I see,
The same old scene, the garden,
Neglected now, (like me).

The cars rush past, the tractors, drive down the muddy road.
The people hurrying off to work- too busy, I've been told.
The guy who lives across the way is rushing in the rain.
He will get wet- at least he's OUT - I'm always IN.
I can't get OUT again!!!

A person who I don't yet know is living in a flat.
She always waves and smiles. Perhaps
She'd come in for a chat.

I've had a moan, now I feel better.
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Saturday 6th May from 10.30am

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Saturday 6th May

CELEBRATE THE CORONATION WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM 'LOOSE ROCKS' at THE CROSS KEYS from 8.30pm

Sunday 7th May from 12pm

WE'RE OFFERING BURGERS AND A CASH BAR SO JOIN US WITH THE REST OF YOUR PICNIC FOR A CRAFTY CROWN COMPETITION, A CORONATION CAKE COMPETITION, SPORTS RACES AND "THE MONARCH MASH-UP" HUNT at THE SPORTS FIELD

Monday 8th May from 10.30am

COME AND JOIN IN WITH THE BIG HELP OUT AT THE PARISH HALL. JOIN THE FAVOUR EXCHANGE, MAKE A BIRDBOX, BUG HOTEL OR VOLUNTEER FOR AN HOUR

Monday 8th May from 7.15pm

TEST YOUR WITS AND KNOWLEDGE WITH OUR REGAL QUIZ at THE CROSS KEYS

Advanced booking recommended

Details also available on the Parish Website

We will be celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III throughout the weekend focusing on fun and community. **Saturday morning**, from 10:30 am, screening of live TV coverage of the lead-up to the Coronation and the ceremony itself on a big screen in Lydford Parish Hall – coffee and biscuits provided by the POPin Cafe team. Village groups and clubs will also be publicising their activities, including Scrapbags, the sewing group, who will very kindly be offering their help with sewing repairs, in keeping with the Coronation weekend's theme of community and support. **Saturday evening**, the Cross Keys will continue local Coronation celebrations with a *live band*, Loose Rocks, playing all your favourite rock hits from the last 5 decades from 8:30pm onwards.

Sunday lunchtime, we'll join in the national 'Coronation Big Lunch' with a community picnic, races and competitions on the Sports Field. There will be a BBQ offering meat and veggie burgers (*no cost, though donations welcomed*), a cash bar, teas and coffees. Please bring anything else that you'd like to make it a great picnic. There will be a "Monster Mash-Up" – a history hunt with a royal theme – with Coronation mementos for all who take part. Competitions for the *best hand-crafted crown* and the *best Coronation cake*, big or small. And of course, you'll have the opportunity to prove your prowess, enjoy just taking part, or cheering on friends and loved ones in some fun races too.

Bank Holiday Monday, we are offering plenty of opportunities to be involved in 'the Big Help Out', using the power of volunteering. Our focus will be helping the local community and wildlife in our area. *All you need to do is to come to the Parish Hall from 10:30am*. We will have kits available to build birdhouses and insect hotels that can be completed and taken away to use in your own gardens (really aimed at younger participants), the opportunity to join a village litter pick, and a Favour Exchange where help can be sought and provided.

In the run-up to the Coronation weekend, we will be asking people to identify any help they need (*help to do the shopping or to get to hospital, or with the ironing, or maybe just wanting a bit of company*), with a particular focus on helping those who may be a little more vulnerable or isolated in the Parish.

Lydford Coronation Celebrations – continued

At the same time, we'll be asking those who can help to offer 'favours'; that is to identify the sort of help that they would be comfortable giving. Our aim is to match up volunteers with those who would like a little help.

We will be looking for inputs in advance (and help offered need not be confined to the Bank Holiday itself), we will have display boards up in the Parish Hall so that, if you wish, you can add your own request or offer, while you're at the Hall on Saturday or Monday. There will be a display advertising all the *Parish's groups and Clubs* and an opportunity to learn a bit more about some of them first hand - e.g. *Ralph will be opening up the ringing chamber in St Peters so that any prospective future campanologists can have a look and a chat.* Again here will be refreshments available throughout (kindly provided by the Walters & Pope/Welcome and POPin team).

We plan to finish the weekend on **Monday evening** with a *royal-themed, 8-round quiz at the Cross Keys.* Teams of up to 6 are welcome (£1 per head), the winners will receive some official Coronation mementos. Questions start at 7:30pm sharp, so we recommend arriving early so that you can get a drink, a table and decide a witty and appropriately kingly team name!

We hope that you will join us over the weekend and take away some happy memories of a historic occasion !!



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Dog Fouling!

Not necessarily a NHW topic, however, it is a community issue which needs to be addressed! Many of you will know that I have a dog who is walked every day and I have become increasingly aware whilst out and about of the obvious number of dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs! **The Dog Act (Fouling of Land) 1996** means you are legally obliged to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land which is open to the air, and to which public have access. It doesn't take a lot of effort to put a couple of poo bags in your pocket when going for a dog walk and clear up as necessary. There are dog waste bins in the church car park and Mead Lane in West Lydford. East Lydford doesn't have a bin so that just means that dog walkers in East Lydford take the bags home with them.

Walking in a field doesn't mean that dog waste shouldn't be picked up – parasites can be transmitted through infected dog waste left on grazing land, some of these parasites cause diseases in livestock which can result in the death of sheep and cattle to abort their calves. Also, it is pretty disgusting having to clean dog poo off your own shoes or those of your children and even worse getting it in your car!

We are very fortunate to live in a village with fresh air and beautiful scenery. We have lots of visitors who come to share this beauty and we need to show that we take pride in our community!

If you don't own a dog, but still walk on our footpaths, a couple of poo bags in your pocket will help a dog owner who has run out of bags! It will without doubt embarrass them!

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United Service

Sunday, 16th April

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Mrs Megan Cabble

Megan was a regular and faithful member of the Methodist Chapel for many years. Sadly, she passed away on February 12th aged 92.

We have missed seeing Megan at our services since the covid lockdown but will always remember her fondly. She was full of fun and very strong in her faith.

Her memories of the village and wartime life were amazing. We often wished she had written a book!

Megan's funeral service was held at the Chapel on Friday, March 17th, led by Rev. Collin Moore. It was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady. As Collin told us, the meaning of Megan in Welsh is a pearl – so apt...

God bless you Megan! With love and sympathy to all your family.

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Keinton Mandeville Meet Up

First Wednesday of the month

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Village Hall TA11 6ES

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We enjoy activities, laughs and information with a cuppa and cake from our leaders and health coach team. Regular speakers and signposting.



Come by yourself or with a friend or family member. If you are a Carer we also welcome those you care for. All will be guaranteed a warm welcome.



For personal, 1:1 support as a Carer,
contact Somerset Carers!

0800 31 68 600

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For info about the group, email
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April 2023

Ruth Worsley,

Bishop of Taunton – The Joy of Easter



As April begins, we mark it with the Palm Sunday procession, the welcoming of Jesus into Jerusalem amongst much jubilation and a sense of impending revolution. There were those who expected Jesus to be the next rebel leader who would rouse the local people to turn against their Roman overlords. Political populism at its height! In their enthusiasm, limbs of trees were broken to pave the way for this new hero.

However, it didn't take much for the crowd to turn around and change its tune. Those palm leaves torn from branches to throw in his path have become the palm crosses we hold today. Symbolising for us the way in which the week ends. Fronds of living trees now dried and woven to form the cruel instrument of death on which Christ suffered.

Many of our churches are now engaged with rewilding their church grounds, many are seeking to gain awards with Eco Church and are looking for new ways of reducing or capturing carbon. There would be horror at the thought of denuding our trees! In fact, parishes are discovering opportunities to partner with others to plant new trees on spare glebe land.

Sometimes though it can feel to us that the environmental crisis is too great a one to solve. Yet the message of Easter shows us that when things seem nigh on impossible it is then that we glimpse the grace of God at work. God's way of overcoming evil was not to fight a small act of resistance against a Roman invasion but rather to combat sin itself. The death of Jesus was the ultimate battle to overcome that which has separated humanity from knowing the extent of God's love for each and every one of us.

The natural world around us is a wonderful illustration of how death is not the end. The environment can be devastated by flood, fire and human carelessness and yet new life can begin again. The joy of Easter is that the story doesn't end in death but opens a new beginning for us all through the resurrection of Christ.

May you know the life and love of Christ this Easter! **Bishop Ruth**

Keinton Mandeville Knit and Natter Group

Knit and Natter meets on Monday afternoons from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. New members, irrespective of ability are always welcome or even those who have never knitted before. *For further information please phone (01458) 223344.*

Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Group

Mondays 10:30 am - 1pm at Catsham Nr Baltonsborough.

The Wild Roots Growing for Wellbeing Project welcomes people who are keen to get outdoors, learn new skills, share their skills or just have the opportunity to spend some time in a peaceful environment. Our main emphasis is on horticulture and rural craft activities which take place in our large vegetable, fruit and flower growing area. Maybe you need an excuse to get out of the house or you just want to dip your toe into being around other people again.

Whatever it is you're looking for we can always find gardening related activities to suit your mood and energy levels on the day. We are a Covid secure site and we will be working outdoors in a socially distanced way. With two covered open sided sheltered areas and a large poly-tunnel we can cater for whatever the British weather throws at us!

If you want to find out more please contact Ursula Casey at: ursula@wilderwoods.org - Booking essential and spaces will be limited to keep the group small.

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East Somerset Railway Community Offers

Your local heritage railway is more than just 'tickets please!' As part of our commitment to the local community the railway is excited to let you know about our various outreach offers.

Dementia Friendly Events: dedicated events to look after and host those living with Dementia and their carers – *Events in 2023: Sunday May 7th, Sunday July 16th & Sunday 10th September* where there will be guided tours, activities and a train ride (or two) with Dementia Friends-trained staff. Cost £11 for both the person living with Dementia and their carer, including train rides. Booking required-see below

Care Homes: talks are available on various aspects of the ESR, free of charge, in local care homes. Duration about 45 minutes and the scent boxes are always winners! (free of charge)

Community groups: as above, talks are available to community groups, be they history groups, WIs, VCSE groups or resident groups. Free of charge (but donations welcome!)

In-school visits: we host many school visits at the station but, for schools who aren't able to get themselves to Cranmore, the railway can offer in-school talks about Brunel, Victorians, Evacuees, local History & Industry. **Wednesdays only** £25 per visit (*we can't bring an actual loco - sorry!*)

Duke of Edinburgh Programme young volunteers: lots of scope at the ESR for completing a 3-month volunteering stint so get in touch and see what works **Thursdays 4-5pm only.**

** If you're interested in any of these events, please do get in touch with Lisa - email at education@eastsomersetrailway.com Trains, tickets and timetables? www.eastsomersetrailway.com **

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Community groups: illustrated talks are available to community groups, free of charge. **Duke of Edinburgh Programme young volunteers:** volunteering opportunities may be possible **Thursdays 4-5pm only.**

Save Our Shrills

The Shrill carder bee is the rarest bumblebee in the UK. Known for its distinctive high-pitched buzz, and is one of the smallest species of bumblebee, identified by its pale grey yellow colouring, black band of hair between the wings and reddish orange tail. It's found in very low numbers in Somerset and there is great concern the population is in serious decline and at risk of extinction.

In recent years the bee has been sighted at National Trust, Lytes Cary Manor, Charlton Adam and Lydford. It is also found at SWT Green Down reserve. We would like people to look for the bee when they are out walking or in their gardens. If the bee is seen, please report the sighting to myself (Alan Brown – taviraengserltd@btinternet.com) or directly to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The sighting report should include date/time/plant species and if possible the type (queen/worker or male). The sighting report must be accompanied by a photograph. If you are not sure about the identity of the bee, but think it might be a shrill, please send the details anyway so that it can be checked. The bees generally emerge in late April or early May and can be seen until September.

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