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Sunday, 8th October

11:00 am Harvest Festival Service  
St Mary Magdalene Church, Keinton  
followed by



Harvest Lunch from 12 noon to 3:00 pm in Keinton Village Hall

No charge for lunch but donations welcome.

**\*\* Registration form (back page of magazine) to be completed please \*\***

Please put completed form in box at Keinton Stores (by 2nd October)  
or via contact details given on page 16.

Keinton Mandeville Big Breakfast

Saturday, 14th October in Keinton Village Hall

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast between 9:00am – 1:30pm.

Or a cream tea between 2:00pm and 4:00pm ... or both!

Come with your family and friends or on your own and make new friends! Everyone is welcome to this special community event which raises money for many local organisations, plus **Blood Cancer UK, WHY and Save the Children.**

There will be raffle tickets on sale, a tombola, a quiz, charity stalls, flower arrangement auctions and delicious breakfasts cooked and served by the wonderful kitchen team. From 2pm we will be serving cream teas and the raffle will be drawn at 4:00pm.

Committee members will be selling raffle tickets door to door between now and the 14<sup>th</sup> October. We already have some wonderful raffle prizes that have been donated including: £100 first prize; cinema tickets for *Strode and The Octagon*; meal vouchers; Somerset Cricket tickets; Haynes Motor Museum tickets; Yeovil Town tickets; a coached clay pigeon shooting session; a luxury hamper and many more.

As we write this, we are organising a collection of donations for the tombola...look out for the fliers coming through your letter boxes! There will also be a tombola collection box in Keinton Stores if you would like to make a donation there. If you live in Barton St David and would like to make a donation, please take it to the village hall on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm or between 9:00pm and 10:00pm. There will be a box in the lobby where Barton St David Scout Group will receive it on our behalf.

We have had to increase the price of a Full Monty Breakfast from £5 to £6, after more than 10 years! Individual items will be priced at 80p. We will have card readers but please bring cash if you can! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October and sharing a great community day together. For those who cannot come and who might wish to support us, we have a Just Giving site–

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/keintonmandeville-bigbreakfast>

or you can use the QR code:-

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on  
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**Wheathill Benefice Worship**

Date	08:30 am	10:30 am (or as noted)	Other Services
1st Oct. Trinity 17	—	Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse	
<b>8th Oct. HARVEST</b>	—	<b>11:00 am Benefice Harvest Keinton Mandeville</b>	<b>Harvest Lunch Village Hall noon- 3pm</b>
15th Oct. Trinity 19	—	Benefice Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville	15:30 Tea & Talk Lydford
<b>19th Oct. Thursday</b>	<b>09:30 am School Harvest Service at Keinton Church</b>		
22nd Oct. Trinity 20	—	Holy Communion Barton St David	—
29th Oct. All Saints Day	—	Holy Communion Kingweston then 12:15 pm Baptism	4:00 pm Faith'n Fun Keinton
<b>30th Oct. All Souls Day</b>	<b>7:00 pm All Souls Service at Keinton Mandeville</b>		

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**Rev. Jane Durham (01458) 223417**

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

**Keinton Mandeville Parish Church Openers – September 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 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct – Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Wallwork	07757704221
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anthea Walton	223500
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger Locke	224287
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Neill Thomas	223613
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Helen & Tony Gosney	224192

**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.*

**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.

**From the Registers**

*We offer our congratulations to:*

**Alison RICHARDS and Ashley MAUNDER** on the occasion of their wedding at All Saints Church, Kingweston, on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



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Dear all

I'm writing this on a day when the weather is distinctly autumnal. The warmth of early September has given way to storms, wind and rain. We've seen the implications of this in towns in West Somerset where people have had their homes or businesses flooded out.

Meanwhile in Libya tens of thousands have died following the storm and bursting of dams, and in Morocco the earthquake in the Atlas Mountains has had a devastating impact. In both cases we will probably never know the full extent of the impact because of the local situation and the devastation on whole communities.

This happens as we prepare to celebrate Harvest, in our local churches and in school. The origins of harvest are in the Old Testament, as the People of Israel were encouraged to dedicate to God their first fruits of different harvests. When I lived in Tanzania we would, in some places, have different services through out the year, celebrating the flocks and herds, the banana harvest, the bean harvest and others.

Celebrating harvest reminds us to give thanks, and to rely on God. Looking at the events of Morocco and Libya remind us what we do have, and again encourage us to give thanks, whilst also giving to support those who have lost everything because of natural or other disaster. Giving thanks is good, I'm good at moaning to God when things don't go my way, maybe I need to learn more about giving thanks for the things I have which I may take for granted and Harvest helps me to do that!

**Our Harvest celebrations this year are:**

1<sup>st</sup> October 10:30am Methodist Chapel; 8<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Keinton Church followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall (please book so we know numbers); 19th October 9:30am School Harvest. We look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

Jane

**Transport to Church**

An understanding has been reached with **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!*

**Keinton Mandeville**



**Primary School**

Keinton Mandeville Primary School, a very successful, expanding school at the heart of our village has a vacancy on the Governing Board for a Co-opted governor.

Are you community minded, have time to spare and are interested in joining a hard-working group of people who strive towards ensuring our school continues to thrive?

We have half termly full governor's meetings, sub committees and projects to monitor the education being delivered within the school and generally supporting the life and work of the school.

No previous governor experience is necessary as there is training provided. We are a diverse group and ideally, we are looking for someone who has some HR/ personnel experience, although we welcome all skills and experience. However, it is the interest in our children and their futures that is essential.

Please contact us if you would like further information on [office@km-ps.co.uk](mailto:office@km-ps.co.uk) or follow the link below for a brief overview of what a governor role entails. <https://governorsforschools.org.uk/news/what-do-school-governors-do-and-why-is-a-strong-board-so-important/>

Expressions of interest can be sent to the above email address and we ask that these are in by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. You will then be contacted and a meeting arranged.

Regards,

**Pam Brown and Martin Lister**  
Co-Chairs at Keinton Mandeville Primary School

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## Coffee Morning Thank You

*The Coffee Morning held at Rosemead Farm on 16<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the  
Refurbishment of St Mary Magdalene Church has raised £640.85!*

To those who helped and supported the event many, many thanks - it is much appreciated. And even the weather was kind to us!

## Keinton Mandeville Table Top Games Group

If you like playing table top games like Scrabble, Boggle, Rummikub, Logo, cards, chess etc then why not come along to the table top games group which meets in Keinton Mandeville Village Hall. We chat, drink tea and coffee and play games. There is no charge as the sessions are funded by KM Parish Council. The group is open to anyone who would like to come, you don't need to live in Keinton Mandeville.

### Dates for the next three months

Wednesdays – October 18<sup>th</sup>; November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Viv Lane & Claire Harding**

## Keinton Mandeville Knit and Natter Group

*Knit and Natter meets on Monday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.*

New members, irrespective of ability are always welcome or even those who have never knitted before. For further information please phone (01458) 223344.

## Barton St David Scout Group

Barton St David Scout Group had a busy and active summer in a variety of weather. **Cub Camp** was dry but extraordinarily hot and so the activities were changed to make it work well. **Scout Activity Camp** in Dorset was neither too hot nor too wet and everyone had a go at the exciting activities on offer. These included archery, caving, canoeing, rafting, abseiling, axe throwing and much more. **Our beavers** had a sleepover in the hall but their camp was sadly cancelled on the day due to a ferocious storm system that came over the South West. And a recent **Explorer Activity Camp** was also cut a few hours short due to flooding on site and on nearby roads. You couldn't make it all up!

There have also been visits to Supacat, London Monopoly Run, an overnight session to Box Car Racing, Mud Master, kayaking, caving and more. All this in addition to the weekly sessions. The seasons bring variety and Barton Scouting is moving most sessions back indoors due to the dark evenings. Indoor sessions include more games to encourage leadership and team skills, indoor challenges and making survival kits that include fishing kit, fire making and ways to keep warm.

**New Members** – We have had a flurry of new joiners which is wonderful. Most sections are now full but perhaps one or two more could be squeezed in (especially if they are small!!). We also operate a waiting list and this does seem to move quite quickly as youngsters move into the next section up or move house. If you'd like to see if we have a space or would like your under-6 to be added to our waiting list then please fill out a form here:

<http://www.bartonstdavidscout.group/join-us/>.

Or email me [gslbarton@yahoo.com](mailto:gslbarton@yahoo.com) and we will certainly do our best for you.

Our Leaders seem to enjoy Scouting as much as the youngsters and are able to have a go at all sorts of activities and events that would be very difficult to do in any other setting. It has been described by other Groups as a free hobby but I like to think that it's more about like-minded adults getting together and being inspired by each other and especially by the youngsters and scouting in general. If you feel that you have an hour or two to give every month or so then let me know. Anyone that knows me realises that Scout helpers aren't all like Bear Grylls! Helping out flexibly at the beginning is a great way to see if it's really as good as I say! Then you can make a decision much later on, once you know how you can fit a bit of volunteering into your busy lives.

**Vega Sturgess, Group Scout Leader**  
Barton St David Scout Group  
[www.bartonstdavidscout.group](http://www.bartonstdavidscout.group)

### Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

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. **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**In the Village Hall, Keinton Mandeville**

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**The next Parish Council Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30pm in the village hall. Public session will take place at 7:30pm immediately before the formal meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**Traffic Survey Commissioned** – The commissioned survey has progressed and the initial draft report has been presented to the parish council, which has identified some additional surveys that are required to complete the report. Once these have been completed the parish council will review the recommendations and consider how best to action them.

**Planning applications in Keinton Mandeville** – The parish council are one of the consultees when an application is submitted and they will be listed on agendas (providing enough notice has been given before publication). We would recommend that members of the community look at the agenda so that they are aware of applications to be discussed. Please note that although Somerset Council currently notify neighbours, they are not legally obliged to do so and could stop doing it to save costs. In practice they can also be a little random in which neighbours they notify.

**Tidy Village** – The parish council want to thank members of the community that work hard to keep the village looking beautiful, which includes litter picking, cutting grass, trimming hedges etc. Also to those who keep the library in the old telephone kiosk tidy.

As grateful as we are to those that work so hard to keep the village free of litter, we are equally infuriated by a very few dog owners who have a very perverse habit of bagging their dog's droppings and then throwing the plastic bags into the nearest hedge / farmer's field. If anyone observes a dog owner doing this, please report them to the Dog Warden on 0300 123 2224.

### Chair of Somerset Council's Award for Services to the Community

**The Parish Council nominated John Light**, and with the help of the community provided information about John's services to the community. *This award will be made posthumously at an event in Taunton on 6<sup>th</sup> October.*

Kaye Elston

## Keinton Environment Group (KEG)

### Keinton Community Copse

We welcome anyone to spend a couple of minutes weeding around the trees or letting us know if they see a problem. Also if anyone would like to add a tree or trees of their own to this area – possibly as a memorial to a friend or relative, we'd love to help. (contact details below)

### Rewilding

As we reported last month, we are getting ready to start planting pollinator-friendly verges and other areas around the village throughout October. Do get in touch (*details below*) if you have an area you would like to consider for us to "re-wild". We know there are those who have volunteered their verges, but we would like you to get in touch again to remind us!

Also we'd like to hear from anyone who might like to help with this project – we think it would be a great idea for young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards to get involved as a community service project.

### Hedgehogs – and more

We are delighted to say that there have been an increasing number of hedgehog sightings from around the village; please do contact us (*details below*) if you see a hedgehog or would like advice on feeding and providing shelter for them. Some of our members are skilful at constructing hedgehog, bat and bird boxes and would be delighted to pass their expertise on to you and your family

A reminder that all our meetings are open to anyone to attend and we'd love to get more people involved in what we do.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm in the Quarry Inn.

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

Email: [info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@keintonenvironmentgroup.org.uk)

### Barton St David Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

Sessions are held in the village hall and run from 2:00pm until 4:00pm with a break in between for refreshments, which are provided. There is no annual fee but a charge of £2 per person per session. Bats and balls are provided. Please contact Elaine on (01458) 850465 or via email: [esbalcombe@googlemail.com](mailto:esbalcombe@googlemail.com) if you are interested.

### Barton St David History Club

During the summer a few of us were lucky enough to enjoy a trip to do the High Tour of Wells Cathedral led by an excellent guide who was a fount of knowledge on the Cathedral's history and its construction, pointing out a host of things which would certainly have been overlooked by our untrained eyes!

**Thursday, 12th October at 7:30pm** – will see our second **Robinson Memorial Lecture** in memory of Peter and Penny Robinson who founded the Club some eight years ago. The well-known speaker, Professor Ronald Hutton will be addressing the question *How Pagan were the Medieval English?*

**Admission for everyone to this event will be ticket only** (Members free, non-members £5). Please contact Carolyn Browning at [carolynbrowning@aol.com](mailto:carolynbrowning@aol.com) as soon as possible to reserve your tickets which will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

**Thursday, 9th November at 7:30pm** – will see, by popular request, a return visit from the expert on glass, Dr Francis Burroughes who will be talking on *The Golden Age of Glass*. (Members free – non members £2.00 cash).

As usual all the talks will be followed by a chance to socialise over drinks and nibbles and for members to browse, select and borrow books from the History Club Library.

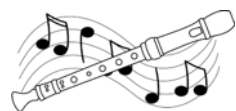
### Benefice Choir

During October, the choir is looking forward to singing at the Harvest Festival service, on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00 am, 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, on the back of this magazine issue or check on the Wheathill Benefice website:

<https://wheatill.org>

The ladies of the choir will be supporting the Benefice service for All Souls' Day on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, after which our thoughts will turn to rehearsing for the Remembrance Sunday service (12<sup>th</sup> November in Lydford) and to an exciting selection of music preparing for Advent and Christmas.

It is a great pleasure to have welcomed new members recently and the whole choir is looking forward to a social choir BBQ in November – who said being in a choir was just about the singing?! If you would like to join the Benefice choir, do please get in touch with Lynne on (01458)224158.



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## St Peter's Church, Lydford on Fosse

The Services for September are on page 2 of the magazine.

### The Lord's Larder

The church will be open during the weekend of 30th September/1st October for dry grocery items to be left. The gifts will be taken to The Lord's Larder in Yeovil to be distributed for people in the area who are suffering due to the cost of living crisis. This will happen at the beginning of October. Any monetary donations can be left with either of the Churchwardens – Ralph, Greystones, Cary Road and Jennie, Springwood, High Street. We thank you for any support you are able to give.

### Next House Communion

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3:00pm in Lydford Parish Hall.**

All in the Benefice are welcome to attend the short Service and then sit and chat with friends and enjoy afternoon tea. Should anyone require assistance with transport then please contact Ralph on 01963-240164 or 07530 296 885.

### Talk and Tea, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm in Parish Hall, West Lydford

The Talk is to be given by Helen Jefferis of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance on the service they provide for the general public. Any donations received will be donated to the Air Ambulance Fundraising. All are welcome so please come and join us.

### Gift Week

To replace Gift Week for 2023 we will holding a *Fundraising Event in the Parish Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December*. More details in the November Parish Magazine.

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

- ❖ **HELP!** Do you know anyone in Lydford who needs help and/or support?
- ❖ It may be help with buying books for university.
- ❖ It may be help with buying tools or equipment for a new job.
- ❖ It may be support for someone who is ill, or who is caring for someone.

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund has a small annual income – the Trustees would like to spend this money, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who lives in Lydford. If there is anyone who would like assistance, please contact the Trust in confidence: *Secretary, Caroline Seehra tel: 07926 488190 or The Treasurer, Ann Parkhouse tel: 01963 240268.*

### Welcome & POPin Cafe

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October open for soup in the Parish Hall.**

With the turn in the weather, as I'm writing this, it seems more than appropriate to be offering *our Soup Lunch* this month! It proved very popular last time so we will be providing this lunch for the next few months. So do come along on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. *It will be at the earlier time of 11:30am for sit down soup and roll at 12 noon, finishing at 1:30pm.* As previously, we will be providing a choice of three homemade soups along with cheese scones and rolls. Tea and coffee on offer too. Please make a note in your diary and we look forward to seeing you all!

*On behalf of Walters & Pope Charity, Caroline, Ann and Lynne*

### Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

The council meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm 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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## Lydford Gala – 2023



Lydford Sports Club would like to thank all those who attended the Gala this year and all those who helped and contributed.

**We are pleased to announce that we raised an amazing £2491** and look forward to seeing you all next year – *Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.*

*(The Editor wishes to apologise for the delay in recording this notice)*

## The Agricultural Transition in Somerset



Business Information Point, alongside other local agencies are providing free, tailored one to one advice, workshops, and specialist webinars to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition.

### Transition workshops

Local and online workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future. The upcoming in person workshops we are running locally are *(with more planned, so please check website for updates):*

- 10th October – 7:00pm to 10:00pm at Great Bow Wharf, Langport
- 7th November – 6.00pm - 9:00pm Shapwick Village Hall, Shapwick
- 18th January – 7:00pm to 10:00pm East Coker Hall, East Coker

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## Lydford and District Gardening Club

The first full week in September was a bruiser! After a couple of months of varied but essentially damp and not particularly sunny conditions September suddenly decided to show what a week of good weather really could look like. Very hot days and Mediterranean evenings coincided beautifully with the annual return to school, the dying embers of the cricket season and the start of the Rugby Union World Cup! Such unpredictable climatic factors make gardening less easy than it may well once have been. And to try and plan a barbecue more than just a few hours ahead is simply foolhardy. Yet there it was in the Gardening Club programme – *'Tuesday September 12th, Barbecue and swap of surplus plants and produce'* – and so it had to happen.

As has been mentioned, the previous week had been beautiful yet in typical fashion the weekend had been less wonderful and therefore fingers had to be severely crossed in an effort to secure a bit of dry and warm for the Tuesday evening. And it worked! The committee organised things to ensure that there was enough but not too much of everything, the serial raffle winners won some lovely plants and produce was swapped. As a gentle aside, do any other local organisations have evidence that within their membership they have those who consistently manage to defy the mathematical rules of probability? The premium bond management team have probably noted that there is an unusual cluster centred on the Lydford area where winning seems to be a hard habit to break! With apologies to the band *'Chicago'* for the misuse of the lyrics to one of their many fine songs.

October is undeniably a month of Autumn. September, if it had a high-powered, big city, public relations firm working on its case, might get re-positioned as the last of the summer months. However, October is very much to do with mists and mellow fruitfulness and, as such, can be most enjoyable. The days do get even shorter and with the lack of light, not much gets done in the garden after Nicky Horne has finished his teatime show on Boom Radio. But because it is not trying to be anything other than the last month before winter really starts, October can be one of the good ones. Flowers will continue to give pleasure until frosts start to do their work and lawns should need much less attention.

Borders can be tidied but therein lies a modern problem. With the current concentration on gardening for wildlife, it is suggested that spent flower and grass stalks should not be cut down as they provide a habitat for insects and similar beasts into the winter months. However these brown, brittle relics of the glories of high summer do look a bit of a mess and consequently the modern gardener has another perplexing conundrum with which to cope. To tidy or not? Dear old Percy never had any such issues and after an autumnal day spent rigorously clearing through his flower borders, he would have relaxed in his favourite armchair with a couple of *'woodbine'* and a bottle of *'Double Diamond'* reflecting happily on a job well done.

### The next meeting of the Club

This is on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the traditional time of 19.00 hrs in the usual location of the Parish Hall and will feature the totally innovative presentation by Claire Hart relating to the growing of vegetables over the past 125 years. It is fairly improbable that all of her material will be based on personal experience yet there is a fair chance that Percy will get a mention.



Coffee and delicious home-made biscuits will be available and there will be a raffle. It is possible, though by no means probable, that the raffle prize winners will not be the usual suspects. Perhaps these lucky few might turn off their unusual but lucrative *'super power'* for just one night and allow a more even distribution of the glories that will be on offer. Premium bonds and the National lottery could provide an alternative option on a Tuesday night for the *'chosen ones'* and any successes might just help to cope with winter fuel costs!

### Lydford Moviola

The next Moviola screening at Lydford Parish Hall will be held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 7:00pm and there is a bar available until 7.30 when the film will be screened.

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### Lydford Ladies Third Tuesday Group

Our August event was a return trip to Frogmary Farm near South Petherton for a walk around the grounds, followed by tea & cake in the cafe. Unfortunately the flowering meadow was not open this year as the wet weather earlier in the summer had caused havoc with the growing season. When we visited last August, the meadow had gone over early due to the extreme heat! (So maybe third time lucky next year?!) However the rest of the gardens were in full bloom and there was a good supply of cakes this year, so we had an enjoyable afternoon.

In September, a group of us enjoyed a trip on a steam train at The East Somerset Railway. Originally opened in 1858, the line once stretched from Cranmore to Yatton. It was closed in 1964 but re-opened again by enthusiastic volunteers ten years later. Nowadays the 5-mile round trip starts at Cranmore and heads west to the Mendip Vale platform, where you can get out and watch the engine move to the other end of the train in preparation for the return trip. Sadly it was 'bucketing down' again the day we went, so not much scenery to be seen, but we still had a fun day out!

### Future Meetings

#### October 17th at 7:30 pm in the parish Hall

A talk by award-winning *Craft House Chocolate* from Somerton (plus a few chocolate-y treats!) This is an "Open Meeting" so everyone is welcome to attend men, women and children (£3 per visitor)

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

**January 16th 2024** Meal out at a local pub.

*Women Visitors 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).*

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- **Exterior**– Put your exterior lights on a sensor
- **Neighbours** – Keep an eye out for your neighbours

Opportunity plays a big role in enabling crimes to be committed, particularly burglaries. Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists. Criminals will look for homes that:

- Seem unoccupied
- Have little or no apparent security
- Have doors or windows left open
- Areas where they think they can't be seen

A home's overall impression will influence whether a burglar targets it. As a general rule, if it looks as if there is someone inside, the burglar is likely to go elsewhere.

One crime often produces the opportunity to commit another. A burglar may return after a break-in because they know when the owners are likely to be out and can expect the property to be full of replacement items.

So do as much as you can to keep your home and property safe! Being burgled is a very distressing experience!

### Women's Institute

#### Keinton Mandeville and surrounding villages

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September 2023 Services - At 10:30 am

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October Harvest Festival Eric Small

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October Holy Communion Rev Collin Moore

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am. Please come along with any gifts you are able to bring.

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will be holding our **Harvest Supper and Auction** – always a fun evening, with good food! Please contact Celia Keady (224601) or Alison Sutton (223656) if you would like to join us – no tickets needed.

### What a Wonderful Time we had in August and September!!!

Our newly refurbished hall was the venue for a very successful *Holiday Club* at the end of August. A lot of children, 18 in all, came a long and enjoyed the 'Restoration Station' theme, about healing and becoming restored. Many thanks to Jane and her wonderful team for all your hard work!

On Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> we hosted a bacon butty morning with tea, coffee and cakes in the hall. This proved to be an enormous success and it was wonderful that so many of you popped in on the day and were so generous. We raised £388 on the day and are most grateful to those who made such kind donations since.

Thanks to everyone that came along but especially to *AJ* for supplying the bacon, *Burns the Bread* for donating the rolls and *Westfield Dairies* for the milk. Many thanks as well to all those who helped with the event – *Amber* for cooking the bacon, *Judith* for manning the teas and coffees, *Celia* and *Gill* for looking after the cake stall and *Claire* for doing all the washing up – what a team!

### And so to the future...TODDLERS!

We are delighted that the toddler group is up and running again in the hall. Please come along to join the fun and make new friends! The group meets on *Tuesday morning, 10am-12noon*. You will be made very welcome.

### Stop Press!!! A date for your diaries

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Hall for a *Christmassy fundraiser...* More details to follow!

Once again, many thanks for all your support – it is very much appreciated!!

## Clouds

They drift like wisps of fluffy cotton wool across an azure sky, and make us smile.

They stretch like rainbow coloured threads of silk across a sunset sky – amazing beauty, filling us with joy.

Sometimes, in different mood, (now in league with Wind), they rush like mad demented fiends causing disruption, devastation, grief.

Occasionally we might witness one that hardly seems to move! It hangs obliterating the sun, darkening the earth, foreboding in it's blackness causing fear.

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These actual clouds mirror the "clouds" we witness in our lives, – from unimportant irritations through to deeper troubles ...

BUT, remember this –

Above the clouds the Sky is always Blue.

M.J.P

**Ruth Worsley,  
Bishop of Taunton**



### What an opportunity

This week I was on a Zoom chat with some of our chaplains around the diocese. I meet regularly with eight or nine of them alongside our Chaplaincy Development Adviser Mike Haslam. These are only a few of the more than 300 chaplains we have, of all ages, lay and ordained, across Bath and Wells.

There are more and more enquiries about chaplaincy from a wide range of communities. They are seeking a chaplain to offer pastoral care and well-being support for an increasingly stressed and anxious workforce. One particular enquiry caught my attention this week.

A local Further Education college has been saying that their first concern is for a chaplain to address the spiritual exploration of its students. What an opportunity! We know from the *Talking Jesus research (2015 and 2022)* that most practising Christians come to faith before the age of 18. Several of our schools, including primary, have pupil chaplains now and this is a great way of recognising that you are never too young to start in living and telling the story of Jesus!

As a child I was always struck by the Old Testament story of the unnamed little slave girl who served Naaman's wife, (*2 Kings chapter 5*). Taken from her home to another country, and placed in an alien environment, she was the one who introduced Naaman to Elisha the prophet in Israel. As a result, Naaman overcame his scepticism, was healed from his leprosy, and discovered a faith in God.

Chaplaincy opens up a diversity of contexts in which we can share our faith and I invite you to pray for those here in Bath and Wells who are treading new ground to open up the way for others to discover the love of Jesus for themselves. However, each one of us has our own possibility of being a chaplain, coming alongside another in our daily life and community. Sometimes our timidity prevents us from speaking up about faith and our personal spiritual journey other than in church where we are known and on familiar territory. How about taking some time to reflect on where you might live and tell the story of Jesus outside of church, in your everyday context? Is there someone, like a Naaman's wife who is desperate to find help and hope for a loved one but doesn't know where to find it? Maybe you are the only one who could tell them!

With love and thankfulness for you all!

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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**\*\* Please leave at Keinton Stores by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October \*\***

I/We would like to attend the Harvest Lunch  
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