

## Keyham Parish/Village Meeting



**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 19.30 in the Village Hall**

If you wish to keep abreast of any developments that are affecting or may affect the village, please endeavour to attend this meeting.

The agenda will be published closer to the date.

**Tony Johnson**

## Chairman's Report

### Planning Matters

#### **Crematorium Keyham Lane East, Scraftoft:**

The application for the Crematorium will go before the Harborough Council planning committee on Tuesday evening (1<sup>st</sup> April), where a decision will be made on whether it progresses or not. I shall be speaking against it on behalf of Keyham.

#### **Local Plan for HDC:**

Harborough has produced an updated local plan which is currently in draft form. Please see the link below which will download a pdf document to your device. This is a weighty document which I will be reviewing it in more detail over the next few weeks; pages 50 and 107 are highlights that will interest Keyham.

[https://www.harborough.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/8926/proposed\\_submission\\_draft\\_harborough\\_local\\_plan.pdf](https://www.harborough.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/8926/proposed_submission_draft_harborough_local_plan.pdf)

#### **Land off Beeby Road and Keyham Lane East, Scraftoft:**

If you were unable to join the webinar about this development please see the link below. Now awaiting the planning application.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV4-ca5UdNA>

#### **Ingarsby Road Traffic:**

As reported in KN previously, I requested the police to carry out some speed checks to establish whether they would be prepared to monitor the top road to establish whether it may be viable to have regular speed cameras. Their reply is as follows: "We completed the survey from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, and during this time the average speed recorded was 36mph in the 40mph limit. Just 6% of the vehicles that passed the location were exceeding the NPCC threshold of 10% +2mph. As such the police camera team have said they will not be taking any further action. The neighbourhood team have the facility to use a handheld speed gun in areas where residents report speeding vehicles and will monitor it when they can, now we are aware."

**Tony Johnson**

## All Saints Church

For the present, we are in Lent. Has anyone given up chocolate or a favourite biscuit or perhaps computer games, I wonder? I'm afraid I haven't, but with close family members who have, I have tried to be at least a little abstemious, if just to give them some support.

Lent comes to an end on Palm Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> April and the day before, as usual, we are hosting the Midland leg of the Student Cross as they start their annual pilgrimage from Leicester to Walsingham, Norfolk. We wish them a safe and not too cold or wet a journey.

After Palm Sunday we enter Holy Week. We are fortunate in taking part in evening services, or Complines, in churches around our area during Holy Week. Our service will be at 7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Compline is a lovely peaceful way to close the day, even when the longer days will still make it light at the time of the service. Please join us. On the Tuesday, the service will be at Hungarton at the same time and thereafter in Skeffington and Billesdon (tba). On the 20<sup>th</sup> April comes Easter Day and we have a service at 10:30am and everyone is welcome to come and join us to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

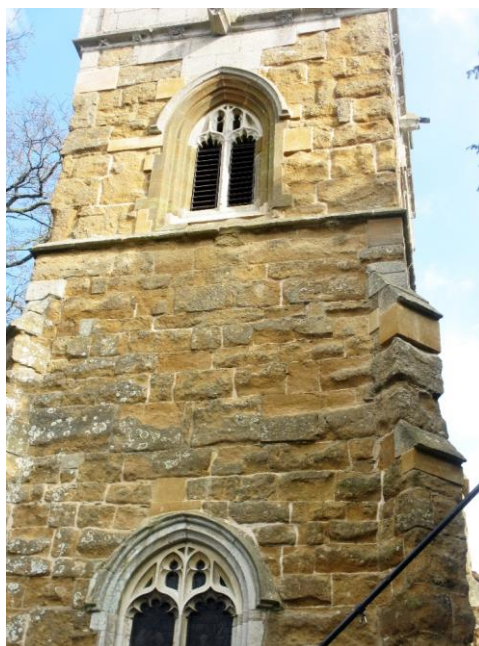
With the scaffolding down we can see the new stonework on the tower. To date, the cost has been £29,000 and again, we are grateful for those who have contributed towards this. However there is still work to be done at a ground level and on the perimeter wall, not to mention refurbishment of the bells.

On 24th April at 2.30pm, you will be able to hear the bells put through their paces by a visiting team of bell ringers. I hope you enjoy their ringing.

**Our next service at All Saints will be  
Easter Week Compline at 7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Our Easter Holy Communion is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am**

Richard [chapwin@btinternet.com](mailto:chapwin@btinternet.com)



Stonework repairs to south tower wall

## Finding Nemo (and Dory!)

Having had enough of grey skies, we decided it was time to find some winter sun. A last-minute booking took us to Egypt where average temperatures out of season are 24 degrees.

Hurghada is renowned for its stunning beaches, turquoise sea and coral reefs and one of the busiest resorts in Egypt during the summer months. We stayed at the Stella Makadi Beach Resort and Spa which had its own private beach.



Having seen the purple jelly fish, we weren't keen to get our feet wet but the 500-metre jetty for guests provided a great viewing point to see the multi-coloured corals and sea life.

Every day there was something new to see including manta rays, octopus, and sea snakes, with starfish dotting the coast line. Nemo, Dory and friends made daily appearances as they nibbled at the coral on the seabed.



This was not a typical holiday as usually we like to explore but a break in the sun in an amazing setting was just what we needed. Would we go back? Absolutely!

**John & Jo**

## Dog and Gun News



Dog & Gun Keyham

18 March at 17:06 · 🌐

From Tuesday 25th March....we will be serving food TUESDAY EVENINGS 🍷

SERVING TIMES

LUNCH 12-2PM

Wednesday to Saturday

EVENING 6-8.30PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

SUNDAY 12-3pm

## Keyham News Deadline

The deadline for  
KN May edition is  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Articles and photographs to  
The Lodge or [keyhamnews@btinternet.com](mailto:keyhamnews@btinternet.com)  
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## Chilling

One way to survive  
in a changing world  
is to put our brains  
into robot bodies  
ensuring that our kind  
stays in charge of life  
before they govern us.

## The Press Gang

This roaming flock of gross  
feeds upon the mores  
until some dogged views  
drives them into pens  
to have their wool removed  
and sold then as a fleece  
while they go to graze again.

## Loving

The magic lies in tolerance  
given and received  
which recalled in years ahead  
leaves the best of memories  
in those harder times  
which then are shared together.

## Oddly

## Jamie's Joke

"I paid £2000 to a website for  
baldness cure.....

The buggers sent me a hat".



## Spring Litter Pick



Well done to Richard S and his team of “Litter Pickers” who collected all of this the other Sunday (and at other times). About 12 volunteers worked for about 2 hours to collect more rubbish than we’ve ever seen before.

Richard tells KN that the next “pick” is scheduled for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. Make a note in your diary and please join in if you are available.

## The Great Vase Give-Away!

Following the church tower restoration & demolition of the storage shed, the Keyham Church Flower Group has had a sort-through of its vases, and finds that it has far too many!

Those pictured below are no longer needed, so are free to anyone who would like them.



If you would like a closer look, please let me know. Any not taken by Easter will be taken to a charity shop.

**Susan @ Mayfield Farm**

# Fashion Show in Village Hall

## Date for your diaries ....

On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm** the village hall will be hosting a Fashion Show run by a company called Colours Fashions Shows.



The company provide the models and a compere for the event. They seem a very professional concern helping many charities raise money as needs must these days. The funds raised will be split between the village hall and the church.



Expect to see posters detailing the event and how to obtain tickets soon. ‘Doesn’t every women enjoy a fashion show’ as someone said to me recently. Hope so.

**Margaret**

## All Saints Church Update

I do hope that everybody will have seen that the scaffolding encompassing the tower has finally gone, and the stonemasons have moved on. As the stone and mortar weather in, the tower will look even more complete and be useful to future generations of villagers. Thanks to everyone who helped facilitate this costly repair work through a combination of donations, organising and taking part in fund raising activities to support the church over the last 12 months, the result of those efforts so far can be seen.

We continue to battle with falling church finances and trying to maintain a reserve capable of supporting the church in the event of anything more major being required.

In the process of completing the work some remedial action on further stonework was found to be needed, in addition to the repair work to the bells and the perimeter wall already identified, so the financial challenge goes on!

It is difficult sometimes to see how the finance of our local church is quite so onerous a responsibility on such a small community, when it is part of such a large organisation, and to help the village's understanding Hugh Henderson has kindly attached a fuller explanation of the workings of the church finances and the difficulties we experience. I would encourage readers to take 5 minutes to read this comprehensive document opposite and below.

Throughout this year we will continue to organise events that will hopefully give both pleasure to villagers and profit to help our deserving church.

At the Parish/Village Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, there will be a brief presentation that may give everyone a fuller understanding of the needs and activities relating to the church finances and some of the tricky decisions we have to make looking ahead.

We continue to welcome everyone's support, near and far!

Thank you.

**Keyham PCC**

## UNDERSTANDING KEYHAM CHURCH FINANCES (1)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Church Wardens are appointed to look after the structure and fabric and running of the village church. The PCC has a budget which pays for the running of the church and its expenses of heating, lighting, repairs and general maintenance. The PCC is responsible for the costs of keeping the church open for religious services, weddings, funerals, celebrations, etc, and so we have a budget which is very much the same as a private individual's budget for running their private home. Some of the expenses or chores are done by volunteers and we are very grateful for this. However, we have to pay for the cleaning, electricity, the water bill, grass cutting, servicing of the organ, tree work, gardening and insurance and lots of less obvious matters which crop up like any unwanted and unexpected bills that one forgets about and which come at inconvenient times. Our income comes from donations and fees for the occasional wedding etc.

Every 5 years, the church is inspected independently. This is called the quinquennial inspection and report. It lists all the things that we have to do to keep the church in a fit architectural state. It usually results in a hefty bill of several thousand pounds worth of work and we have to use our funds to pay for this. We have recently had such a bill to renew the stonework of the tower which is costing approximately £30,000. We have been able to pay this out of our capital reserves, grants and the generous donations received from the village, but it does not include further work on the perimeter wall and the bells. The capital reserves are invested in funds approved by the church and the interest on this money goes towards paying some of the bills.

Keyham church is one of many village churches within the Leicester Diocese. The Diocese is responsible for paying the salaries of all the Priests working within the Diocese. It costs the Diocese between £60,000 and £80,000 per year to pay for one salaried Priest. We are required and expected to pay our "Parish share" to the Diocese annually.

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## **UNDERSTANDING KEYHAM CHURCH FINANCES (2)**

Our Parish share covers part of the cost of the Priest's salary and some of the running costs of the Diocese. The amount of the Parish share is calculated on a complicated formula but is based upon the average number of people receiving communion regularly in our Parish. At the moment, our Parish share is just over £6,000 per year. It is a sum which in the past was only a modest proportion of the overall church expenses and we were able to afford it. It was considered as our part of the costs of having a Priest serving Hungarton and Keyham but then for many years it was a contribution to the costs of a Priest serving Billesdon, Keyham and Hungarton and more recently, in the last 2 years, it is our contribution to what is called the Launde Minster Community which was designed so that there would be 3 Priests serving the 27 Parishes in this Minster Community. However, currently there are only 2 Priests serving this collection of Parishes and soon this will be reduced to only one with the retirement of the current incumbent. There are some Parishes within this Minster Community who cannot pay their Parish share and yet they expect to receive the same range of services or privileges regardless of whether or not they have paid the Parish share.

Keyham has managed always to pay its Parish share because we have had well run finances. Brian Atkin and previous treasurers are to be thanked for good management over the past 100 years. However, time stops for no man and the expenses of the church have caught up with us and we have had to spend a significant proportion of the capital reserves with the reordering of the back of the church and the creation of a servery and now expensive building work on the tower, and so what had been a healthy bank balance of nearly £100,000 6 years ago, is now reduced to less than £50,000. This means that we are earning less in interest on the capital and as our day to day expenses increase with inflation and it is more difficult to keep our finances in balance and each year some of our reserves are used to cover running costs. The question arises as to whether we should continue to pay more than £6,000 a year as a Parish share when we have very limited help from the Diocese and we are no longer getting "value for money."

We, therefore, have a dilemma which is now common to nearly all the Leicestershire Parishes. Do we spend away our reserves in order to help prop-up the Leicester Diocese which is running an annual 2 million pounds deficit or should we be hoarders and ungenerous in order to preserve what remains in our bank balance. Our next quinquennial review will be in 2027 and, although we are not anticipating what that review will reveal, we are obliged to follow the recommendations of the review and cover the costs.

The PCC thinks that the church is in reasonable condition and we remain optimistic about the future, but the PCC is trying to steer a Christian path of sensible guardianship of our resources and at the same time maintain the church in a fit state for the benefit of all who live in Keyham. Keyham church is a valuable asset to the village, not just for religious purposes but as a focal point for our community. We must cherish it and continue to support it whether we attend regular church services or not.

**Hugh, Keyham PCC**

**The City of Leicester Singers**

St James the Greater Church  
London Road, Leicester  
**Saturday April 5th 2025**  
**7.00 p.m.**

# Mozart

# Requiem

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**Lindsey Ashwin - Alto**  
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**Organist - John Pye**

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## Village Farm - Hungarton



**Village Farm Dairy**

23 March at 10:01 · 🌐

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