



The Defibrillator is inside this cabinet at the Village Hall

Diary Dates

August:

3rd/10th/17th

24th/31st Fish Man at Village Hall 12:15

September:

3rd Keyham Croquet 1:30pm Sunday
HQ: Mayfield Barn

30th Sweep – see page 4

October:

7th Sweep – see page 4

14th Defibrillator training – Village Hall

23rd Film Night – 'Their Finest'
Village Hall, 7.30pm start
Hoping to arrange a pre-cinema meal too
at the D & G.

Church Services

August:

6th 9.00am Holy Communion (Hungarton)

13th 9.00am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)

20th 11am Revd Felix leaving service,
Benefice Communion (Billesdon)

27th 6.00pm Compline (**Keyham**)

Church Flower Rota

August:

6th Susan Lansdale

13th Sophie Page

20th Sophie Page

27th Sarah Skelton

September:

3rd Christine Hill/Elizabeth Henderson

10th Elizabeth Henderson

17th Mary Wood

24th Mary Wood

Sandra

'The Defib has Landed!'

The defib wall box is now all fitted and good to go (it basically is a high-vis secure box with a small heater to stop the defib freezing in the winter, with the defib in it).

Many thanks to Stuart and Paige for storing the defib.

There will hopefully be a training session on 14th October (Saturday) for up to 8 people. NO prior experience of any sort is necessary.

It's a 3 hr session with basic CPR training and defib training (the defib machine itself is basically all automatic. It tells you what to do. If the rhythm isn't suitable it can't fire. You can't shock someone by accident, e.g. your bridge partner).

It would be good if we could have 8 people from Keyham, especially those with no prior training from across the breadth of the village. Some of us have had training and don't need the full 3 hrs but perhaps might want to sit in the back (and make tea) just to update ourselves of this latest model - for example it tells you if your CPR isn't good enough and you need to press harder..

If we get too many applying we'll perhaps have to flip coins - sorry can't win sometimes, or have a subs list; on the other hand, if we don't get enough applicants we might open it up to interested outsiders - it costs a bit under £600 for the session so we want it full. The charities are purchasing it, so **please let Margaret Hughes know by 23rd September if you want to attend /are available.** If there are any problems, it's my fault, blame me I don't care I'm a married man.

The defib code will be circulated thru the village shortly; also please note if you ring 999 outside any of these boxes anywhere, the police will tell you the code. Also, if you are in a mobile 'dead zone' - please try and ring 999 anyway - 999 no's often still will get a signal and get thru' I understand.

Hopefully, it'll never need to be used but it's good that the charities are effective and the village hall is looking all up to date, modernised inside and having a shiny defib badge on the outside! I think our little village Keyham is looking good!

Paul Emberton

PS there is a DVD in the Village Hall describing how the defib works if you would like to borrow it.

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August – 2017

It is with a somewhat heavy heart that we say “Goodbye” to Revd Felix, his final service will be 11am on 20th August in Billesdon for the whole Benefice, everyone is welcome.

Felix has been an excellent colleague and I will personally feel the loss of his move, he will however be an excellent Incumbent for St Michael and All Angels, Lancing in the Diocese of Chichester. Felix will be licensed there on 19th September.

Revd Alison

For the last time I'll leave the final word to Felix....

August is a month of preparing for new things: a new academic year, perhaps a change of schools or starting out at University, the end of the Summer holidays and back to work. For football fans of course, it's the transfer window and preparations for a new season! As a teenager (and perhaps still now!) this for me was the most exciting part of August, as players are transferred for large sums of money between clubs all over the world. Will my club sign that top striker this year, or will it be another reserve left back?

The Coplow Benefice is having its own transfer this Summer as I move on to take up the post of Incumbent at St. Michael and All Angels, Lancing in the Diocese of Chichester. I have come to the end of my three years of training as Curate in the Benefice, and am looking forward to taking on a position of sole responsibility in a church as Vicar. Lancing is the largest village in England, with a population of around 19,000, situated between Brighton and Worthing. We will move towards the end of August and I will then be licensed and inducted as Incumbent (Vicar) of the parish on the 19th September.

Laura, Emilia-Rose, Edith and I are all excited about moving on (Emilia is especially thrilled about having a long stretch of beach in the parish!), but we'll also be sad to leave the Diocese of Leicester and the villages of Billesdon, Skeffington, Hungarton, Keyham & Goadby behind. We have very much enjoyed getting to know the villages over the last three years, and will have wonderful memories of our time here.

Just like it is said that it takes a village to raise a child, I think it's also true that it takes a Benefice to train a curate. I feel very privileged to have spent three years of ministry among you and certainly feel ready to take on the next step, armed with the knowledge and experience that I've gained whilst being here.

And so, August will be a month of change for us: new house, new part of the country, new Diocese, new job, new Pre-School for Emilia, and more new things along the way too. Our excitement for the change might even surpass that of the football transfer window, but unfortunately, whilst we might be transferring to a new parish, the Benefice won't be getting a transfer fee!

Father Felix Smith
Assistant Curate - Coplow Benefice 01162599508

Goodbye to Rev. Felix Smith

Felix has been with us as curate for the Coplow Benefice for over 3 years. He was ordained in June 2015 and has been taking a full part in services and weddings in Keyham and the other parishes since then.

Having been appointed as Parish Priest to St. Michael and All Angels Church, Lancing, West Sussex, his last service with us will be on August 20th at 11am at Billesdon. Please feel free to come and wish him well in his future ministry.

We have very much enjoyed having Felix support our church and village and we will miss having him, Laura and the children as regular attenders at services and at our social functions.

Thank you Felix and very best wishes to you.

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Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN September edition is
Thursday 31st August
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or
jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

Keyham Croquet

Keyham's premier social event will be held on Sunday 3rd September starting at 1:30pm.

David & Debbie are off to another wedding so Chris & Sophie have agreed at short notice to be hosts once again.

By now you will have received an email inviting you along. Simply reply to that message with names of competitors and offers of help by 13th August.

John & Margaret, Event Organisers

What is Keyham Croquet all about?

Here, Oddly explains.....

It Will Be Fine

The forecast is as ever
fair within the village,
for fair's the game in England,
so despite umbrellas' urging
blooming shirts and blouses
deploy to grace the day
for a torrid tournament
on crisp cut swards of lawn,
undertaken lightly
in high noon nonchalance
with Pymm's refreshing quench
giving spirits' harmony,
though those in umpire mode
may lock in dissertation
on excesses of endeavour,
as the tyroes of the game
tack balls to destinations,
resolving through the hoops
to posted victory,
ensuring fine returns
for the croquet of the day.

Oddly

..... so that's alright then!

Hungarton Neighbourhood Development Plan 'made'

Following a 2 year formal process and a good deal of hard work Hungarton has seen the highest percentage turnout yet achieved for a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) referendum in Harborough (48.2%) and a 92.5% level of support in the vote to require HDC to use its NDP when making planning decisions about the parish. NDPs, which must comply with the National Planning Policy Framework and align with District Plans, are not designed to prevent development but give communities the opportunity to control and plan development, where it should be and what it should be, rather than be at the mercy of unwelcome applications. And it's not just about housing. Plans can also address issues such as the protection of the environment, the protection of valued green spaces and they can also develop policies around transport and business development issues. The process of creating an NDP follows strict rules and has to be fully consultative so that the policy outcomes can be evidenced as reflecting the view of the community. The process in Hungarton was very inclusive and mostly very positive and has resulted in detailed planning policies covering all of the issues listed above. Beyond that it has increased the sum of knowledge about many aspects of the parish itself through the work that has been undertaken. Though we used grant income to cover the costs of the expert advice and guidance we received, the plan is largely the work of a committee of volunteers and councillors reflecting the views of the community as expressed in a series of consultations. Hungarton's plan is available to read on line at: <http://www.hungartonparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-development-plan.html>

James Patterson (Chair, HNPD)

(Well done to Hungarton on the production of its NDP. Do Keyham residents think that Keyham would benefit by having one too? If so, perhaps you would like to take the lead and put a proposal together for consideration at our next Parish Meeting. Ed)

One Hundredth Anniversary of Passchendaele

Given the interest in the one hundredth anniversary of Passchendaele (aka the third battle of Ypres) you might like to note that Roger Miles from Keyham was killed towards the end of the battle, which took place between 31 July and 10 November 2017. This is the entry for him in my account of people from Keyham who died in the First World War -

Roger Miles (a.k.a. Roger Thomas William Miles) was born in Keyham in the second quarter of 1883 and was living at Nether Hall in 1891. The 1891 census describes his father William, also born in Keyham, as "living on own means". In 1901 he was living at 20 Magdalen Terrace, Hastings with his aunt, Esther Miles. He joined the Reserve Regiment of Cavalry as a private and then became a second lieutenant in the Leicestershire Regiment. He was awarded a medal on 14 September 1916 and died in the third battle of Ypres on 1 October 1917, aged 34. His War Gratuity was £57 12s 7d.

Laurie Faulkner

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Congratulations and every happiness to **David and Debbie** who married in Keyham Church on 1st July.

Best wishes to **Chris Bean** after his recent spell in hospital.

Claire and Richard Windle tell KN that **Simon** got engaged to Chloe in May. Congratulations!

Chimney Sweep in Keyham

The sweep will be with us on the following dates:-

Saturday 30th September

Saturday 7th October

To book a day and an approximate time please contact me at Plumtree Cottage or call 2595620

Keith

Keyham's Oldest Resident

The good news is, she is in wonderful spirits and looks so well. Why! It was discovered that her hip had broken in the night and was in considerable pain when woken and tried to get up. The cause it appears to be "brittle bones" and is making good recovery. It's incredible she does not seem to be concerned about all the fuss. Stay with it Beryl Austick!

Keith

KOG Raffle

Humble apologies to Ros & Brian for not mentioning their kind donation of a Bottle of Wine for the KOG Raffle. Fortunately for KOG Profits they have agreed to "settle out of court".

John & Margaret

The Taylors – Rambling On!

Remember Keyham Ramblers' finest day, 28 June 2006? Here we are again on Whernside 1 July 2017.

Edna & Richard



Open Gardens

Dear John and Margaret, Open Gardens was amazing – such a privilege to be the Vicar of Keyham, please tell everyone they did such a good job. Thanks so much.

Alison

HUNGARTON & KEYHAM WI NEWS

August Meeting: There is no meeting in August.

Changes at the Church Feedback July 2017

These comments have been received in response to the proposal to make a new floor for bell ringing, install a servery and toilet; remove pews and vestry to open up the back of the church, using folding chairs instead of the pews at the back of the church; also to reuse the wood from old pews for the new floor and servery.

Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time to give their views, comments (both positive and negative), and suggestions on the proposals. Below is a summary of all the responses received, and the full account of your (anonymised) comments will be forwarded to the DCC (the Keyham church council). Hopefully their response and decisions will be reported back in Keyham News in the autumn.

Including members of the DCC and clergy, a total of 28 people have given their views on the proposed changes. Overall 20 people supported the idea, and 6 did not (two submitted comments and suggestions but no clear view either way). 4 detailed written responses were received, and the full texts of these have been forwarded to the DCC. Other comments were verbal.

There were many reasons given for both points of view and these fall into several categories:

Summary of specific comments supporting the proposal:

- 1) Good idea to modernise the church, 'move with the times', and make it more user friendly (3)
- 2) Good to make the church more flexible, and suitable for other activities such as concerts, meetings, exhibitions and social events, without detracting from its function as place of worship and quiet contemplation. '...Make it a living building in the heart of the community..' (6)
- 3) Good idea to move out the pews and make more use of the space (3)
- 4) Good idea to install a loo, because the village hall is too far away (3)
- 5) A servery would be much more convenient than current arrangements (3)

Summary of specific comments against the proposal:

- 1) The village hall is well equipped and available for use (2)
- 2) This would be a waste of funds for the amount of benefit felt (3)
- 3) The church is not used enough to warrant these changes (1)
- 4) A church does not need a toilet/church is an odd place to have a loo (3)
- 5) Moving the pews would spoil the church (1)

There were also some general comments and queries which are summarised below:

On funding:

- 1) It would take a long time to raise the extra funds. Why doesn't the church fund all of it? (3)
- 2) Offers of donations (2)
- 3) Fundraising activities suggested such as running concerts, sponsored items, other events (3)
- 4) Sell the pews for profit (1)

Other issues/suggestions:

- 1) Use some funds to improve the surrounding grounds (1)
- 2) Would the plumbing be noisy or intrusive? (2)
- 3) The church is always locked. Can it be left open so all can enjoy the flowers and space (3)
With recent thefts, this would be a concern (1)
- 4) Don't forget funds / input needed to keep the facilities clean and stocked, as well as potential cost of maintenance (1)
- 5) It would be good to clear out all the shelves at the back of the church (1)
- 6) It would be good to move out all the pews, not just the ones at the back (2)

It is not too late to have your say! – do speak or write to any member of the DCC (Brian Adkin, Paul Emberton, Hugh and Elizabeth Henderson, Gill Wheeler, Richard Windle, Rev'd Alison) if you wish to add your opinions or comments.

Claire Windle

Hungarton 7

When Sophie B mentioned to me that she had entered this year's Hungarton 7 run and did I want to join her, I said I'd think about it... I happened to mention it to Matt and suddenly I'm in, Matt too as are Seb and Harry! Flic would have been entered too if she'd been 16!!

So, on a balmy Wednesday evening on July 7th, Sophie, the Wheelers as well as some of our friends set off alongside several hundred other runners to tackle the gruelling 7 mile course! With Grandma and Grandpa as well as Flic supporting, we all managed to get round with Seb Wheeler the quickest from our gang! Not quite as quick as Glyn (local lad) used to run it, mind you!

A well-earned pint at the Dog and Gun was an excellent way to round off the evening. So do watch out if Sophie mentions in future conversations that she is running a race, you may be donning your trainers before you know it!!

Gill Wheeler

Wedding Day thank-yous

Dear KN, Just letting you know Debbie and I had a fantastic wedding and honeymoon. Thank you for all those who supported us and a special thank you to Hugh Henderson who tolled the bells perfectly. Reverend Alison Booker was wonderful and made the whole service thoroughly enjoyable. Peter Varnam and his brother Rob did a great job with the grounds and Jamie Markee did brilliantly with the trees. It was all Chris Page's idea and of course Peter Gothard designed the area around the church. A big thank you too to Debbie's brother Rob who helped at the last minute to finish the project. I have to mention Tony who slaved away clearing the ivy and brambles on the wall and to all others who helped including the Wheeler twins. The sun came out just at the right time and Debbie and I had the happiest day of our lives. We spent a week driving around the Amalfi coast and ending up spending a few days on the Isle of Capri. The weather was glorious. Apologies if the band and guests were a little loud around midnight. Hopefully see some of you in the Dog and Gun soon. Best wishes.

Mr David and Mrs Debbie Lloyd (and Bonnie and Boo of course x)



The Newlyweds with Harrison & Arabella

KEYHAM THE EARLY YEARS REMEMBERED 1949-74

Dear John and Margaret,

Thank you for your email of 14.07.17 (*about the serialisation of the memoir - Ed*).

I had already been informed by a Keyham News reader my article had been published.

I contacted Stuart after reading the article in a previous edition of the KN concerning the Andersen shelter that the new owners of The Cottage had discovered, of this I know all the history and I can even tell them how the bones got in there, Stuart was going to pass my email address on to the new owners so they could get in touch, he mentioned they occasionally frequented the D&G, unfortunately to date I have not been contacted. (*Sam & Dave; I can let you have this address - Ed*).

Should either the KN or any Keyham historical society be interested, I have quite a few early photographs of Keyham, especially of The Cottage and Wayside where my grandparents lived.

Regards

Ian Chambers

PS Kindly pass on my kindest regards to Keith and Mary Wood and should I ever be in the vicinity of Keyham I most certainly call in to see them. Also please tell Keith I can still vividly recall the radio controlled model plane I had from him with the 5' wingspan!

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KEYHAM – THE EARLY YEARS REMEMBERED – 1949-74

A few weeks ago Stuart from the D&G was telling me that an ex-resident of Keyham had called him and had related lots of happy memories from his time here. I asked Stuart to encourage him (Ian Chambers) to write something for Keyham News. Here is the third and final instalment continued from KN July.....

On the opposite side of the road from the village hall were two adjoining cottages. The one on the corner I seem to remember was occupied by Dorothy Fowler (this might not be correct), then by Roland and Christine Marlow who had twin daughters. I heard a number of years ago one of the daughters tragically died.

Christine's father, Jack Goggins worked for my dad in the warehouse collecting leather when it was delivered and sending out goods. When Jack retired he managed to get to live in the last trustee cottage, opposite the old school house where, I think he spent his final days.

In the adjoining cottage lived Ernie and Flo Dowsett and their Daughter Anne, mentioned earlier as the girl who took me to school on my first day at Thurnby infant school. Ernie was the village road man, and he was always out in all weather with his wheel barrow, brush and shovel. His wife Flo played the organ in the church, in the later years it was converted to electric bellows, but it did not make a lot of difference, Flo was to that organ as Les Dawson was to the piano. Flo played the wedding march when I was married at the church in February 1974, believe me she would have given Les a run for his money when it came to playing bum notes!

In the village hall, my earliest recollection was of the Queen's Coronation, where a feast was laid for all the village, also when I was still very young a circus arrived in Keyham, it must have been a small affair as it was held in the village hall, with jugglers, tight rope walkers, clowns and fire eaters. I can't recall there being any animals involved, but I remember being frightened by the clowns! As I grew up there was a weekly Youth Club at the village hall, plus a very well attended badminton club which met once a week where both my dad (who was good at badminton!) and myself played. The club played other local villages in some form of local league. The hall was also used for dances, with various visiting dance bands and in later years with groups for the youngsters and discos. The hall was also used as a reception venue for folks getting married in the church, with Colin Dowsett from the pub running the bar, as he did when dances were held.

Around the corner from the village hall on the right stands Nether Hall, lived in by Mrs Cheales, whose family had lived in Rhodesia. I can only remember Mrs Cheales as being very elderly and her grandson from Rhodesia also lived at the hall. The hall had been divided, and occupied by Mr and Mrs Payne and on the top floor lived Derek and Madelaine Tait and their border collie, Meg. Madelaine kept ponies in Mrs Cheales's field down by the brook and she ran a riding school where as a youth I helped her with the ponies, I recall when the Tait's left Nether Hall they went to live in the village of Barsby. It was at Nether Hall where the annual Garden Fete was held and as I mentioned earlier my proud mum and dad entered me each year in the fancy dress parade. There were good old fashioned side shows at these Fetes, like the bran tub, bob apple, Punch and Judy and many more wonderful old fashioned attractions.

Next to Nether hall on Snows Lane was Treadwell's farm. Mr Sammy Tredwell had retired and living in the little cottage I have already mentioned which was knocked down at the Dog and Gun. It was a working dairy farm, farmed by Billie Tredwell and his wife, and their son Clifford, I think they also had another son my age and a daughter.

On the opposite side of the road to the farm was a white house where the Harrison family lived. Mr Rolls Harrison, his wife Muriel, their son David, who when married lived in the old school house, their eldest daughter Maureen and the twins, Robert and Julia. As I was growing up I was friendly with Robert and I use to go to this house to play. I recall Rolls was an amateur radio ham and he had a 'shack' beyond the orchard, with an enormous radio aerial attached. I also recall Rolls kept bees. This is the same family my granddad Lester worked for, R. C. Harrison, brass founders. Rolls had a brother, Robert who owned a field just beyond the bullock field and it was accessed by car down a track which was just at the end of the chestnut avenue (now I fear this beautiful avenue of trees has gone). Robert had an elaborate summer house next to a spring in his field, where he made a succession of ponds, plus he planted an intensive apple orchard on the field. Robert Harrison junior and myself use to spend hours playing in his field and the brook which flowed across the field.

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Subsequently the Harrison family left the village and moved to Oadby and the white house was occupied by the Turnbull family who came to Keyham directly from Canada.

Mr Turnbull was employed somewhere high up at Fleur de Lys pies in Wigston, the Turbulls had a son Ricky and a daughter Heather. Ricky was a couple of years older than me, and went to Guthlaxton School and I went to Beauchamp School, but we became best of friends. Ricky passed his driving test and bought a 1954 Ford Popular, he and I went to Wales for a weekend, it rained, and we slept in the car by a mountain stream just outside Dolgellau. This was my first time away from home on my own, I think I was fifteen years old. At some time before I left the village Turnbull left and the white house was occupied by Dr Alvarez and his family.

Next door to the white house was Old West End Farm, formerly farmed by the Fowler family. When it ceased to be a working farm, the home paddock was sold off and the new houses were built at the bottom of Snows Lane. The farm house was bought by Peter Webster and his German wife Herta, they had two sons, Peter and David and a daughter Gillian. I was very friendly with Peter junior and David, we all went to Beauchamp School together and Peter was my best man when I was married at the village church. Sadly, I have lost track of all of the Websters. Pete and I use to spend hours exploring the woods and streams, looking for fox and badger holes. In the early years, Snows Lane ended just beyond Old West End farm, and where the new houses are built it was just a muddy track, known affectionately as Muck lane. Pete and I made trolleys and would race them down Muck Lane. We were always on the lookout for decent pram wheels to improve the trolley performance. I recall Pete and I walking to the Old Ingarsby station after it was closed, as in what was the station grounds a scrap yard had opened and we would see if we could scrounge any old prams, then push them back to Keyham. As we grew up, we had a couple of old motor bikes, one was a James 98cc two stroke, which we rode round and round Websters garden, but by then the new houses had been built and in the first bungalow lived Mr and Mrs Bloxham who complained about the noise from the motor bike. As we grew up Pete and I had motor bikes and scooters and subsequently cars. Pete and I went to Sheringham for a week camping on our scooters, I guess this was around 1967 and we often went to Torquay for the weekend when we had cars.

Across the road from Old West End Farm was Pear Tree Farm, occupied by Mr and Mrs Weston. In front of their farm the big grass field was known as the cricket field, why I have no idea as it is on a steep hill! There was a footpath doing down the cricket field to a wooden bridge over Keyham brook, with a large field on the other side known as the goose acre, once again I have no idea of the origin of this name, but I remember a big old dead tree stood in the middle of the field. This field complete with tree we could see out of our sitting room window at The Cottage.

I was never too familiar with the names of the occupants of the new houses. Somewhere near to the bottom of the road there was a house occupied by Mr Francis and Mrs June Hurst, they had two daughters, June and Margaret and a son by the name of John with whom I became quite friendly. As we were getting older I went with the Hurst children to see the Beatles at De Montfort Hall in Leicester, I think in 1965 or 66, I was only 15 or 16 years old.

The last house Tanglewood, was owned by Arthur and Janet Bridgwood, I think they had two sons whose names I cannot remember. Bridgwoods also owned the adjoining field, this same field use to belong to Arthur Fielding, the same field where I kept my pony ten years ago, Bridgwoods also held a massive bonfire party each November 5th and all of the village were invited.

Beyond the new tarmac road built to service the new houses, muck lane continued, eventually ending in a field by the wood and Keyham brook. In this field one of the Fowler sons built a farmhouse and continued farming the fields up to and beyond the now old and defunct railway.

My memories of a perfect childhood and upbringing, thanks to my loving parents, Archie and Mary Chambers and the privilege of being raised in an idyllic village. Different memories even now I keep recalling these, together with those listed above I will never forget.

Ian Chambers

(Thank you Ian for your wonderful contribution to Keyham News – Ed)