



.....from Mr & Mrs Ed

Diary Dates

December:

- 12th Pensioners' Lunch
Black Boy, Hungarton 12:00 for 12:30pm
21st Carol Service 6:30pm

Church Services

December:

- 3rd 7pm Service of Lights (**Keyham**)
10th 9:00am Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday of
Advent (**Keyham**)
4pm Carols and Christingle (Hungarton)
17th 7pm, Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols
(Billesdon)
21st 6:30pm Annual Christmas Service
(**Keyham**)

Christmas Eve 11am Fireside service
The Dog and Gun (**Keyham**)

Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion for
Christmas Day (**Keyham**)

Church Flower Rota

December:

Advent: No flowers until the Carol Service

Flower Group Christmas Dinner

Unfortunately I have decided to cancel the Ladies' Flower Group dinner on December 14th because the date chosen was inconvenient for many ladies. Instead we will have the dinner in the New Year the date to be arranged.

A reminder to decorate your windows etc. for the Carol Service on December 21st.

Sandra

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Calling all prospective shepherds, kings, angels, inn keepers, weary travellers or readers!

This December we are holding our Annual Christmas Service on Thursday 21st December at 6.30pm. We are hoping to create a human tableau at the front of the church but we need some help! If you would like to be part of the nativity scene (no scripts!) please get in touch with myself/Clare Windle. We may have to ask you otherwise!! No equity cards necessary!

Alternatively, if you would like to read a lesson at the service, we'd also really appreciate any offers of help. It'd be lovely to fill the church this year, David and Debbie did!!!

Catch me on the run (literally!) or on 2595592.

Gill Wheeler

STRICTLY.....

Just a reminder regarding **dance classes** in the New Year. If you will be joining the sessions please contact me on.....
sandprice0825@gmail.com

Keyham Charities will consider funding the classes at their next meeting, providing we have enough interest. They are very informal lessons, lots of fun with a very sympathetic teacher.

Sandra

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sadly cancelled - our prediction of numbers for the lunch fell considerably short of what we considered would make a viable village event.

Organising Committee

PARISH NEWS

The damaged roadside on Keyham Lane has finally been repaired in a more robust manner which is something that I'd been chasing for some time; the replacement grit bin is now in place on Snows Lane. So that's two long running sagas hopefully sorted.

The fly tipping thrown over the bridge into the brook down Hungarton Lane is being progressed by Harborough.

Tony

December

I have to admit to loving Christmas – this is just as well considering my calling! 17 Years of public ministry and a good many more Christmas services than anyone else in the parishes and I still love Christmas.

I love the traditional carols, the quiet candlelit communion services as much as I love the inclusive village celebrations and being with the children who really do love dressing up – Angels and Shepherd galore!!

I have always been sure in previous generations the gender choices would be stark and, if I'm honest, I've always said that Angels are Angels so they can be played by girls or boys and those who look after the sheep could be either – how very 21st Century of me!!

As my grandmother would say though – Pride comes before a fall – I discovered a ballad Carol from the 16th century that shows I'm being a little less 21st Century than I thought and simply following in a long (but maybe forgotten) tradition!

I hope you enjoy this as much as I did.

Rev'd Alison

Where are you coming from, Shepherdess?

“Where are you coming from, shepherdess?
Where are you coming from?”

“I'm coming from the stable, where I was walking.
I saw a miracle occur this evening.”

“What did you see, shepherdess?
What did you see?”

“I saw in the manger a little child
Tenderly laid on the cool straw”

“Nothing more, shepherdess, nothing more?
Nothing more, shepherdess, nothing more?”
“Saint Mary, His Mother, giving Him milk to drink,
Saint Joseph, His father, trembling from the cold.”

“Nothing more, shepherdess, nothing more?
Nothing more, shepherdess, nothing more?”
“The ox and the ass, who leaned over Him,
Warming him with their breath”

“Nothing more, shepherdess, nothing more?
Nothing more, shepherdess, nothing more?”
“Three little angels came down from the sky,
Singing the praises of the eternal God.”

All Saints Church Keyham Christmas Remembrance Service of Lights

The annual Service of Lights to remember those we have known and loved will take place on Advent Sunday, 3rd December, at 7.00pm.

After the service there will be some mulled wine. The lights outside will be switched on from dusk until midnight each night until 12th night, the eve of Epiphany, 5th January 2017.

Please join us, and if you would like someone to be remembered in the service, please let me have their names beforehand so that they can be recorded in the “Book of Lights” for this year.

Richard Windle
Old West End Farm
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Credo

I believe in Father Christmas
for his form is love;
in the darkness of the season
we celebrate together
a beginning, not the end,
with affection's presents given,
always as a treasure
because they're made with love,
so make that nadir into noon
with the spirit that's his reason.

Oddly

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN January edition is
Sunday 31st December
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or
janm.hughes@btinternet.com

Keyham Pensioners' Lunch

The Pensioners' Lunch will take place on **Tuesday 12th December**, 12.00pm for 12.30pm at **The Black Boy, Hungarton.**

If you are eligible (aged 60 and over) and wish to attend, then please book in directly with Mark at the pub no later than **MONDAY 4th DECEMBER**. Their phone no. is 0116 2595410. The booking is in the name of Keyham Pensioners. Please place your order at time of booking.

The Black Boy will be providing a 2-course lunch from their Christmas Menu, the menu choices being as follows:-

Main courses

Traditional roast turkey with roast potatoes, stuffing, pigs in blankets rich gravy and homemade cranberry sauce

Braised beef steak with its own rich braised gravy and a fondant potato

Chicken breast on thyme mash potato with a bacon, mushroom and red wine gravy

Seabass fillets on a bed of crushed new potatoes with a prawn and lemon butter

Pork steak on a black pudding mash potato and a cracked black pepper sauce

Char grilled vegetable, tomato and goat's cheese bake with side salad

All served with a dish of vegetables

Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy custard

Marbled chocolate and Baileys cheesecake with fresh cream

Individual homemade Black Forest gateaux

Coffee crème brûlée with a ginger shortbread biscuit

Bread and butter pudding with rum and raisin ice-cream

Cheese and biscuits with homemade chutney

There will be a welcome drink and a limited amount of wine offered to accompany the meal. We respectfully ask that should you want additional drinks that you purchase them yourselves. Thank you.

Lastly if you need a lift to Hungarton / can offer people a lift then please let one of the Trustees know so we can try and arrange transport. This lunch is funded by Keyham Charities.

Trustees of Keyham Charities



Maureen and Bill wish all friends and neighbours in Keyham a very happy and peaceful Xmas and a healthy New Year.

Wishing everyone in Keyham a Merry Christmas and happiness in the New Year, from **the Windles**.

Tony and Carole wish all our friends and neighbours a very festive and jolly Christmas; also a happy and healthy 2018

To all in our village and to all who read Keyham News...
HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM TONY AND CHRISTINE

A Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all in Keyham
Brian & Ros

To all our friends and neighbours - wishing you a very happy Christmas and wonderful new year- love **Sophie, Chris and Holly x**

Christmas Blessings to everyone in Keyham from **Revd Alison**

Seasons' Greetings and best wishes to Keyham friends and neighbours, **Mark & Susan**

Merry Christmas to the whole Keyham Community, our Friends & our Family. Let's hope 2018 is kind to us all....
With "festive love" from **Ian, Sophie, Freddie & Annie x**

Tanglewood **Margaret & David** wish all in and of our lovely Keyham a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year

With love and all the best of festive fun and frolics from all five of **the Wheelers**. We hope that 2018 is healthy and happy for you all x

Warm Christmas greetings to all Keyham News readers from **Fiona Jane and all furry friends** of Wild End.

Hugh and Elizabeth wish all their friends in Keyham and Hungarton a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Village News

Ann Markee: KN sends best wishes to Ann following her recent ankle operation.

Colin Williams (Bill): We were sorry to hear that Bill died earlier in November. Bill and Christine moved to Snows Lane around 1986, he worked for Royal Insurance and Christine was a solicitor's clerk. They were lovely neighbours and Bill had a wonderful wry sense of humour. They enjoyed village life and did much to support Keyham, Christine as secretary to the Keyham Trusts and church organist and Bill as churchwarden. Bill had been a keen swimmer. Although their daughters had grown up, they remained very much in touch with their children and grandchildren and were proud of their achievements. For relaxation they enjoyed making frequent trips to the Norfolk coast. Bill's mother lived with them for several years and when Christine became unwell he retired and supported her. Christine died in 1997 and Bill moved to Scraftoft. He missed Christine greatly, but it was good that he found happiness with Pamela. Bill kept in touch with the village, in particular the Dog and Gun and often could be seen picking up the papers at Peartree Stores in Scraftoft. His funeral is at All Saints Church, Scraftoft at 1pm on Tuesday 28th November. **The Windles**



Bill at the Millennium Party celebrating his Mum's 100th Birthday (with Parish Meeting Chairman, Steve)

HUNGARTON & KEYHAM WI NEWS

October Meeting: At our AGM all of the existing committee members were nominated again and elected. Lorraine Quaid has kindly agreed to be the new secretary. We looked back at great year and thanked everybody for their hard work.

November Meeting: We had a successful social meeting – everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we were thanked for providing very nice food and fun entertainment. And all went home with a Christmas tree! (Miracle of miracles, the village hall (Hungarton) was actually over warm, hopefully due to the mild weather not an excess of hot air!)

December Meeting: Our Christmas meeting will be on Monday 11th December and Lorraine has kindly offered to host us in The Manor House. The usual format will apply i.e. bring and share supper and a Secret Santa wrapped gift to the value of £5. Wine and other drinks will be provided by the WI. If anyone is unable to attend, please let Cynthia or Penny know asap.

Karen Holmes

Puzzle to Amaze

What has many styles and stiles,
is silent yet so full of song,
is still, but runs across the land
as it has for centuries,
weaving well but not to clothe
except the name of hog,
may be called a bird but isn't,
has eggs inside and is not mammal,
though it can mother money
and gets laid for best results?

Oddly

*(as ever, readers are left wondering what Oddly is "on about".....
this time, however, all is revealed at the bottom of page 6)*

CPR and Defibrillator Training

Following the arrival in the summer of the Defibrillator machine, 12 villagers attended the associated training package.

Run by Pete Dickinson from St John Ambulance, it was an engaging 3 hours of both theoretical and practical exercises with a sprinkling of humour injected throughout by Pete. Plus, all passed the course.

As mentioned last month if anyone wants to hold a register of villagers trained either through this course or through their work place then please get in touch. **The code for the defib is C159X** – suggest you keep this to hand. Maybe in your phone?

Mrs Ed

BILLESDON BADMINTON GROUP

We are looking for new players male or female on a Thursday morning 10.30 to about 12.00. You don't have to be a good player, and could be a complete novice. We are all over a certain age and play doubles, so it is not too arduous. I have learnt to play since I retired a few years ago! Both Susan and I play on a regular basis when not injured (I have been since Feb) but hope to have a comeback when my shoulder has healed. It really is a lovely group, very friendly, and not too serious. Please contact me for a chat if you are not sure OR one of the numbers on the poster. I have spare rackets if you would like to have a try. **Carole 2595494**

BADMINTON

Have you thought of playing badminton?

We are a small friendly group playing on
a

Thursday morning 10.30 - 12.00 at the
Coplow Centre, looking for new
members.

If you are interested, please contact

Jan, tel: 0116 2416587

or Jane, tel: 0116 2599833



Newshound



If anyone has already or knows anyone that has recently bought a new puppy or acquired a new four legged friend to join the family, they may be interested in the Dogs Trust socialisation/ dog obedience classes. They run their programme in various locations locally (i.e. Tugby /Thurnby) and have a fabulous bank of knowledge and resources to help along the way. They can be contacted via social media Dogs Trust Leicestershire, or Dog School Office, 01162836458. Huge congrats to Jane and Lola who have just graduated....

Fiona

The Colours of Hope

Autumn slips aside
in a gold content,
retiring to the Winter
of a black and white
anticipating Spring
retracing shows of green
to fund a florid Summer

Oddly

Emails to Ed

Dear Ed,

This came from our Helen. Worthy of note and perhaps for KN?

Richard Windle

PLEASE NOTE AND PASS TO ALL YOUR CONTACTS

Christmas is fast approaching, Royal Mail & The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website:

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam>

Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS.

Can you please make all your family, friends and neighbours aware of the above.

Dear Ed,

My daughter Laura has Gift Vouchers available for anyone who would like to purchase them for Christmas gifts; they can be of any value. She is now qualified in Swedish, Hot Stone & Bamboo massage. She is also a qualified Hopi ear-candling therapist. If anyone would like to purchase a gift voucher they can contact Laura on 07972374476. Her website is: elizabethwhyler.co.uk

Many thanks.

Samantha Hannah

Dear Ed,

A Very Big Thank You to everyone in the Village and Hungarton for all their cards, messages, help, general kindness, and best of all the visits, while I was in the L.R.I and Spire sorting out the cellulitis which hit me so suddenly. I was very touched. Thank you again for thinking of me.

Elizabeth

Dear Ed,

The following letter may be too late and of no interest, but for what it is worth, I offer it. Lighting the dark corners of Main Street. I gather there has been some discussion about another street lamp being placed in Main Street. May I suggest that instead of putting in another street lamp, which is presumably going to cost the village something to erect and something to run each night, we make a small grant to the householders involved which would allow them to install their own security lights which could be set for say ten or fifteen minutes, enough to allow them to get out of their cars without stepping in horse muck or whatever, and anyone else passing, who had forgotten to bring a torch or did not have one, to pass safely. This benefits everyone and we do not add to more light pollution, and most importantly, the people immediately involved would be able to have good night's sleep! (I cannot imagine that after all that has recently been written and discussed about the importance of sleeping in a DARK room for a good night's sleep and its vital health benefits, that you have not at least heard about it.) It is hardly fair that we expect the householders involved to sacrifice that. Let us face it, a street light immediately outside one's bedroom window is invasive. I for one would hate it. In case you have not heard about the necessity of sleeping in the dark, I would be more than happy to discuss it with anyone interested!

Elizabeth Henderson

Silver Jewellery Studio Sale in Keyham

Susan Lansdale is holding a Studio Sale of hand-crafted silver jewellery this month (1st-20th December inclusive), with 10% off all marked prices. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Susan on 0779 277 3215, or by email susan.lansdale1@gmail.com



*Answer to Oddly's Puzzling Poem on page 4:
..... A hedge!*