

## Diary Dates

### February:

- 15<sup>th</sup> WI "Teas from Around the World"  
Hungarton Village Hall  
WI "Ask the Experts" seminar  
Long Clawson Village Hall  
24<sup>th</sup> Petanque Club AGM D&G 7:30 pm

### March:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Village Hall Management Committee AGM  
Village Hall 7:30 pm

## Church Services

### February:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Hungarton Eucharist – 9am  
10<sup>th</sup> **Keyham** Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00pm  
14<sup>th</sup> **Keyham** Holy Communion – 9am  
21<sup>st</sup> Hungarton Compline – 5pm  
28<sup>th</sup> **Keyham** Compline – 5pm

## Church Flower Rota

### February:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sandra Price  
14<sup>th</sup> LENT  
21<sup>st</sup> LENT  
28<sup>th</sup> LENT

### March:

- 6<sup>th</sup> LENT  
14<sup>th</sup> LENT  
20<sup>th</sup> LENT  
27<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY: Joint effort please

### Sandra

### Keyham News Deadline for March Edition

The deadline for KN March edition is  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

All articles and photographs to

The Lodge or [jandm.hughes@btinternet.com](mailto:jandm.hughes@btinternet.com)

## Keyham Croquet: 21<sup>st</sup> Party

This year will be Keyham Croquet's 21<sup>st</sup> event. That sounds like a good opportunity to have a party and celebrate!

So, that's exactly what we are planning to do. The competition itself will be exactly the same but there will be lots of exciting new things this year.

The 2016 event will be hosted by Chris & Sophie at Mayfield Barn and the date has been set for:-

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> of JUNE**

Longer days, warmer days, no school or work the next day; it all adds up to being a great time. More details to follow but, in the meantime, please put this date in your diary.

**Margaret & John, Organisers**

## KEYHAM VILLAGE HALL PROJECT UPDATE

Good progress has been made with the Village Hall Refurbishment Project.

Preparation work has moved forward nicely but has revealed major problems with the floors in the kitchen and ladies toilet. Revised budgets and timescales are now being worked upon but we hope to have the hall back in action by the summer. However, this can't be guaranteed at the moment so if you are planning to use the hall this year please keep in touch.

**John Hughes,  
Chairman Village Hall Management Committee**



Rotten Floors: In Need of Repair!

# KEYHAM NEWS

## Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:30 pm. This meeting is primarily for Committee Members but other Keyham residents are most welcome especially if they would like to join our committee (which is getting a bit short on numbers).

**John Hughes, Chairman**

## Keyham Petanque Club AGM

The Petanque Club will hold its AGM in the Dog & Gun on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm. If you are interesting in playing Petanque on Wednesday nights through the summer months please come along.

**John Hughes, Secretary**

## Village News

Just to let you know that it is Colin Dowsett's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. He has just had a quick spell in hospital, but pleased to say he is at home now.

**Sylvia**

Word is, that Mr. Ed is 60 on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. I find that very hard to believe. He's just a young lad!

**A well-wisher (Name & Address supplied)**

The warmest of welcomes to Ian and Rosie Carpenter and their family who have moved into Steve Aylott's Willowbrook:-

### Chip Ahoy

Our village has so many skills,  
Those who cut and prune  
And put things into place  
Are among the best;  
We now have a wood man  
To fashion Willow into home  
For a Rosie future.

**Oddly**

A big welcome too, to Susan and Mark Lansdale who have moved into Mayfield Farm (Jim & Mollie's place).

**Ed**

## February Article

I wonder what you are giving up for Lent. For many it is a time of dieting, and there are certainly many to choose from. There is the vision diet, for example, which involves wearing blue-tinted glasses with every meal (the colour blue is supposed to inhibit your appetite apparently). The Fletcher diet suggest chewing every mouthful 100 times before swallowing. There are those that suggest swallowing tablespoons of vinegar or olive oil before a meal. There are 'low carbs' and 'no carbs', the 'only eat grapefruit' diet and the 'only eat pineapple' diet. The egg diet suggests eating one egg a day, along with as much red wine as you can drink, presumably to distract you from being so hungry. And of course, the cabbage diet: the diet that has such explosive after-effects that even if you haven't lost some weight, you're sure to have lost some friends.

But is there more to Lent than simply dieting? Well, Lent is indeed about fasting, but also about feasting. As Christians we "fast" on those things that distract us from God – that get in the way of our relationship with God – in order that we can "feast" on God by making more space for him in our lives. It's a time for giving things up, but also a time for starting new things. The forty days of Lent come from Jesus' forty days in the desert. He went to a deserted place, away from other distractions, to realise God's call on his life and to try to understand what God wanted him to do. For us also, Lent can be a time which is not just positive for our waistline but good for ourselves spiritually too. It is a time to reassess our lives and ask ourselves important questions about our priorities, our needs and wants, our desires and goals.

So, when someone asks you what you are giving up this Lent, don't *just* say chocolate or wine, sugar or puddings, take the time to reflect on your life and what is important to you, what is destructive in your life that you could do without and what things you really need to start doing. Lent isn't like a fad diet, that'll last for a short time before being forgotten about, it is about a change for good, in both senses of the word.

**Rev'd Felix**

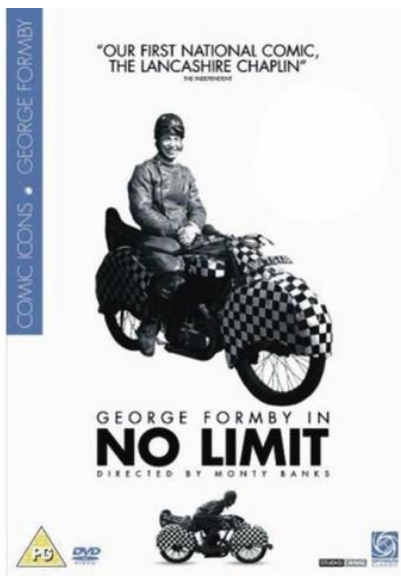
# KEYHAM NEWS

## KEYHAM LOOKALIKES (#9)

A big “thank-you” to Geoff Barnett for this month’s “Look-a-Likey”. Geoff compares cheeky, Lancastrian comedian George Formby to our very own cheeky chappie, Keith Wood.

As far as we know “Woody” has never played the ukulele or banjolele but we are pretty certain that he has cleaned lots of windows and lent on any number of lampposts in his life.

Wikipedia informs us that Formby’s life and career were transformed by his wife of strong character, Beryl, who set him on the road to success. Mmmmmm!



Wood



Formby

We rest our case!

**Mr. & Mrs Ed**

## HUNGARTON & KEYHAM W.I.NEWS

**JANUARY:** Our first meeting in 2016 was held in Hungarton Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and what an interesting subject, all about knotting. The history of knotting, materials used for knotting with many items being displayed—jewellery, hats, jumpers even dog collars and leads! For us to purchase at the end of the evening. Materials used to make the thread of this ancient craft of knotting have run through the centuries. Still today a variety of nettle called ramie is grown and cropped in China and Canada, mixed with cotton and linen and woven into cloth. You may have something in your wardrobe with ramie in it.

Wendy Elizabeth had brought along her own creation of a skirt made by using two knots, the half hitch and reef. The skirt had been made by just looking at a picture of clothes found in a Bronze Age burial mound in 1921 in Denmark. The teenage girl called the Egtved Girl was buried in them. Clothes dating back to 1370BC. It was quite remarkable that a garment worn all that time ago, looked as though it could have been worn in the 1960s. Head dresses all made from knotting thread were displayed. Some with intertwining snakes, created by just looking at pictures of head dresses found in ancient Egyptian burial chambers of the pyramids. You too could see Wendy Elizabeth’s work at Flag Fen in Peterborough.

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>:** Designer Tea Lady - Tea Tasting: Discover and taste 5 very different teas and learn about the UK’s favourite beverage. An informal, informative experience with plenty of slurping. Guaranteed to make you smile!

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>:** This may be of interest too, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at Long Clawson village hall there is a seminar. “Ask the Experts” Will give information updates and awareness on the following subjects:- Aortic aneurysm (research in women); Breathing (respiratory research); Cancer (Mesothelioma)

**MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>:** Hungarton Village Hall 7:30 pm. An Introduction to Mindfulness with Chris Heath. Find out about Mindfulness and take the opportunity to experience it at first hand.

**APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>:** W.I. members have been visiting some amazing places recently. This will be a meeting to share experiences and photos with one another.

**R.H.S. HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW:** Coach Trip, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Entry Tickets for Hampton Court, with group booking are £22.50. Coach seat is £14.00. This is on taking 40 or more and all seats filled on coach. Ring me on 2595672 if you would like to go.

**Marie Lloyd (President)**



# KEYHAM NEWS

## Parish News

### Planning

For your information the planning application to build even more new houses in Scraftoft has, regrettably in my view, been approved. For more details on this please see this link but please contact me if you want more information on why it was approved.

<https://pa2.harborough.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NG4CW6HWGJ000>

The main impact will be on Scraftoft of course but clearly Keyham residents will notice the difference when we travel to Scraftoft.

I learnt of this when I attended a Parish Liaison meeting hosted by HDC this week. I also sought confirmation that no plans exist for any developments closer to Keyham and this was definitely confirmed; the Poultry farm development has still to be decided however.

Any planning issues that do have a potential impact on Keyham are, of course, subject to very close scrutiny by myself and Keyham Conservation Committee.

### Highways

I have been chasing LCC highways on some outstanding issues:

The pothole on Main St near the allotments: now been repaired.

The white lines at the road junctions on Main Street and Kings Lane: awaiting a fix date.

The pot holes on the sharp bend on Keyham Lane: I have emphasised on two occasions now that these are in urgent need of repair; awaiting a fix date.

### Green Waste

You should all be aware of the impending charges for this. This was something else that was covered at the meeting when HDC went through their financial figures. The Government is continually pushing them to make savings so this was an obvious area to target. However, they did say that they expected Council Tax to remain stable again this year.

**Tony Johnson (Chairman of Parish Meeting)**

## A LITTLE BIT OF KEYHAM HISTORY

My cousin looks on "Memories of Leicester" and came across these pictures; wondered if you want to print them in the next edition of KN?

**Sandra**

**"Blue Triangle Club" at The Fold, Keyham 1920's:-**



## KEYHAM BOOKWORM'S MONTHLY READ

### **17 CARNATIONS: THE WINDSORS, THE NAZIS AND THE COVER UP ANDREW MORTON**

Andrew Morton is best known for his biography of Lady Diana and its explosive after effects. His biographies of Madonna, Tom Cruise and Angelina Jolie were equally contentious and for the historians and royalists amongst KN readers 17 Carnations gives an intriguing insight into the whole Edward and Mrs Simpson saga. Their romance has been well documented in both print and film but Morton's biography concentrates on the couples' strong links with Nazi Germany and Adolf Hitler - and even allowing for some journalistic licence Morton's account of their relationship in the pre-World War II years is hugely revealing.

Edward's love for Wallis Simpson caused consternation within both Royal and Government circles at the time. After his abdication from the throne he married Mrs Simpson in 1937 at the French chateau of Charles Bedaux a well-known Nazi sympathiser. 17 Carnations documents Edward's admiration for Hitler and portrays neither the former King nor Wallis Simpson in a particularly favourable light. Edward is seen as someone keen to impress by revealing information deemed to be classified to which he had access due to his position. Mrs Simpson is portrayed as someone considered by the British government to be a spy and Nazi lover as well as having an affair with Hitler's Special Commissioner in London, Ulrich von Ribbentrop - who reportedly sent 17 carnations after any liaison with Mrs Simpson.

As is Morton's way he concentrates on events within the British and German hierarchies as opposed to the individuals and the effect the relationship had on both the British and Nazi governments in the run up to World War II. Churchill, previously a great fan of Edward was left with little option but to move against him and support the Royal Family in excluding Edward from any position of power in the British establishment. Hitler on the other hand saw Edward as the perfect puppet King once Germany either came to a peace settlement with Britain or occupied the country. 17 Carnations gives a highly readable commentary on the run up to the war and how Edward's relationship with Mrs Simpson threatened to destabilise both the Royal Family and the Government. There is also a most detailed description of how Britain's high society went from wanting Edward and Mrs Simpson at any party worth the name to ostracising them in a relatively short period of time. Edward's volatile relationship with his successor as King, his brother George, is also covered in great detail.

17 Carnations gives a remarkable account of historical developments in the run up to World War II and in particular shows the close link between the respective governments and aristocracy within both Britain and Germany. It also covers in great depth the post war attempts to cover up information relating to the former King discovered towards the end of the war in captured German archives. Whilst Edward and Mrs Simpson probably had no great bearing on the outcome of the war their relationship was without doubt a matter of great concern, for very different reasons, to the British and Nazi Germany governments. Morton's biography is a hugely readable and informative account of one of the most intriguing and important times in world history and a must for all historians and Royal Family watchers amongst KN readers.

Available from Amazon Kindle at £3.49 and in Hardback at £18.95 excl. p&p. Waterstones have it in Hardback at £20 including p&p and £6.98 for download. Paperback likely to follow soon as this book is a certainty for the best sellers charts.

As always enjoy your reading!

**Bookworm**

## Bike Amnesty

Just to let people know that despite the snow, the Keyham & Billesdon response to the "Bike Amnesty" on 17<sup>th</sup> January was really good. Matt and I delivered 14 bikes (a mix of children's and adult's) and they were most gratefully received by a representative from City of Sanctuary (centre for Asylum Seekers).

These bikes, once repaired, will give a new found freedom and independence to those who take possession of them. Many thanks

**Gill Wheeler**

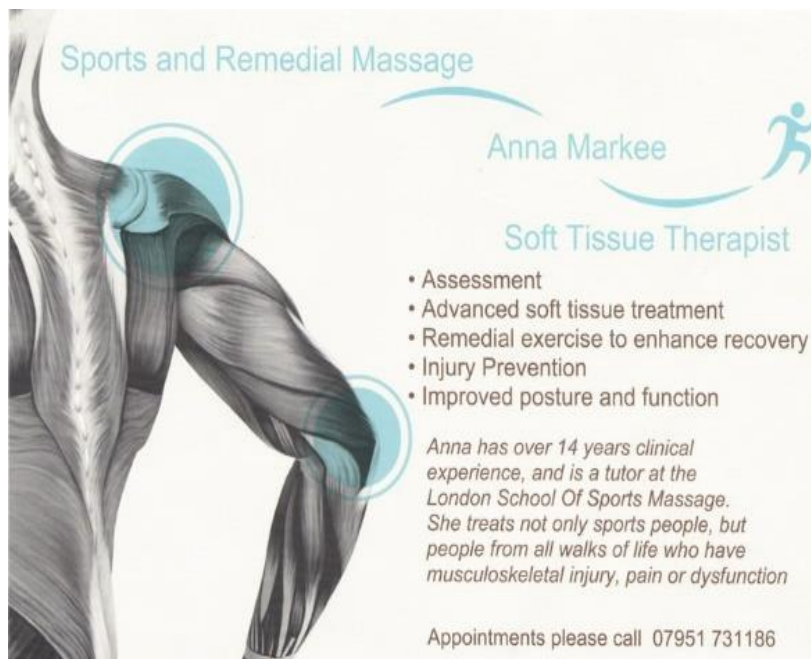
## Superfast Broadband in Keyham

Superfast Broadband from BT has arrived in Hungarton but we have no indication of when it will stagger across the two miles of fields to Keyham.

I understand that HERBS is due to arrive in Keyham soon.

I will seek out more information for the March Edition of Keyham News.

**Ed**



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## Zummerzet News

Greetings from Somerset. Two weeks today since we moved in to Mayfield House! Still lots of boxes and furniture downgraded to the garage. There is certainly no room for cars! The removal men were wonderful and really earned their wages. They ended up sleeping in their lorries on our driveway having been fed cottage pie and beer by my sister in our new kitchen. She was a star as I was stuck on the M5 for five hours on my way down on the Wednesday!!

Thank you so much for all the lovely cards we have received. The certificates we were presented with at the Christmas Lunch are wonderful and will certainly be framed and displayed; the perfect reminder of our happy years in Keyham. We hope to come back for the next croquet event.

Jim has spent a lot of time putting up towel rails and bathroom accessories since they are totally absent in a new build. This has involved trying to work out where the electric cables are - I thought I might have to put my St John's Ambulance skills in place! There was a bit of a fault with the underfloor heating to begin with and we thought we had moved to the tropics but that has been sorted and is just right now.

I am delighted to report that there is a wealth of footpaths and lovely walks here so hope we can entice the ramblers here in the future.

Our very best wishes to all our Keyham friends and do come and visit if you are in our area.

**Mollie and Jim**