

KEYHAM NEWS



Keyham Carol Service

Diary Dates

January:

- 15th WI: Hungarton Village Hall 7:30pm
(see page 4 for details)
27th Francesca's Wedding (see page 3)
1pm Keyham Church

Church Services

January:

- Wed 3rd 9am Morning Prayer (**Keyham**)
Sun 7th 9am Holy Communion for
Epiphany (Hungarton)
Wed 10th 9am Morning Prayer (**Keyham**)
Sun 14th 9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)
Wed 17th 9am Morning Prayer (**Keyham**)
Sun 21st 5pm Compline (Hungarton)
Wed 24th 9am Morning Prayer (**Keyham**)
Sun 28th 6pm Compline (**Keyham**)
Wed 31st 9am Morning Prayer (**Keyham**)

Church Flower Rota

January:

- 7th Sophie Bridgwood
14th Sophie Bridgwood
21st Vicki Rosevear
28th Francesca's Wedding (on the 27th)

February:

- 4th Sandra Price
11th Sandra Price
18th LENT No flowers
25th LENT No flowers

Sandra

Keyham Pop-up Cafe

Many thanks to everyone who visited the pop up cafe before Christmas, and made it such a happy event.

Special thanks to Christine, Vicky, both Richards and Edna, and Mary for spending time behind the scenes, providing and preparing food; also to Peter for setting up and making the village hall so welcoming; and to John, Margaret and Richard for clearing up afterwards.

Actually, special thanks also to everyone who attended, brought food, donated clothes and money, and generally enjoyed themselves!

As a result, we delivered a boot full of clothes and provisions to the Dawn centre, as well as a donation of £230 to the Leicester YMCA which is the charity that runs the Y Support project within the Dawn Centre to support vulnerable young people.

Kate Beaumont who manages the day centre greatly appreciated the gifts and said that by putting up some extra beds at the centre, they aimed to ensure that no one was sleeping outside over Christmas.

Claire

(Thanks too to Gordon for sourcing the Pork Pie! Ed)

Keyham Carol Service

"Best ever" in my opinion. Well done to Claire and all those involved.

Mr Ed

Parish News

Grit Bins: Given the recent bad weather can I please request two things? Firstly, please use grit sparingly as when the bin is empty, like the one on Snows Lane corner, it isn't possible for me to get the council to replenish it immediately; it takes time. Secondly, please take a look inside the bin closest to your house and let me know the levels and whether it needs replenishing ASAP as we don't want to have another one empty and have the same problem.

Black Bin Collection: Following the "missed collection" on Thursday owing to the snowy conditions, the HDC website says put them out early Tuesday. Let's see what happens!

Tony Johnson

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New Year – 2018!

It was **Alfred Lord Tennyson** that wrote...

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Well with that in mind I love the following quote – author...
unknown but much admired!

“A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out
the other.”

I wonder how many of us have ‘given up’ New Year’s resolutions for
just those reasons, they seem impossible to keep. It is strange as I
reflect that the Church year doesn’t begin in January but at the
beginning of Advent. It begins with the season of Hope but also one
which recognises Darkness and Suffering alongside the Light of
Hope.

Somehow by the time we’ve travelled through Advent and the first
7 days of the Christmas Season I always feel I should be more ready
for those New Year’s resolutions than I ever am! Perhaps though
this year I might make my New Year’s resolution simpler for
somehow I think it is in the simple that we discover truth so often.

Like the child who bent down to sniff a daffodil, looked up to the
sky, stood up and (with hands on hips) exclaimed aloud “Well done
God” – I think I may try to take just a moment each day to stand in
those tiny shoes and delight in the simple and the everyday. I have
a feeling, if I can manage it, then it might just make a difference.

Rev’d Alison

Church Notice - MORNING PRAYER

... will be said, here at Keyham, every Wednesday, at 9 am beginning
Wednesday 3rd January.

This is a short lay-led service lasting approximately 20 mins. This is
open to any and all. The heating will be on! It's a calm, prayerful
way to start the day. We all need a bit of sanctuary sometimes.

There are likely to be only a few attendees, and it works well like
this, it doesn't need numbers to succeed. It is also useful for those
who will not be able to attend church at the weekend.

Happy New Year to one and all! Best wishes.

Paul Emberton

KEYHAM IN THE SNOW



Alfie and Amber (photo: Rich Sherry)



Well-named Snows Lane (photo: Lois Jerman)



Main Street (photo: Susan Lansdale)

A Story of Suspense

In a belligerence of flutter,
this mouse in masquerade
of leathers on the wing
sings its silent song
for insects on the hover
around our village hall,
then invading for a hangout,
acclaimed in excrement
marking where it's parking
by dropping just a hint
on our thrones of blue,
so when we come to park
there's just a trace to tease
in its roosting mystery.

[dedicated to the Village Hall's resident bat - Ed]

Life Pulse

Music's
discrete
harmony
touches
souls
eternity.

Idyll

A noble chime of time
from the parish church's clock,
bees en route to flowers,
a cuckoo calling in content,
the haunting of an owl
and a burbling stream
all sound a gentle rhythm
in the placid heart
of the countryside
which we know a home.

Oddly

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN February edition is
Wednesday 31st January
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or
jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

FRANCESCA'S JANUARY WEDDING

Dear Keyham Residents,

My youngest daughter Francesca Cantor is getting married to her fiancé Chris Alsop in Keyham church on Saturday 27th of January 2018.

They are being married by Alison at 1pm, so Francesca will be walking (hopefully not under umbrella's) from School Cottage, Main Street up to the Church and afterwards the guests will be having a welcome drink in the Dog & Gun before eating and celebrating in the Village Hall.

As all guests are staying in hotels in Leicester we have recommended they use taxis as the parking is very limited within the village.

We will make every effort keep any parking/noise to a minimum, however I would like to apologise in advance for any disruption or disturbance.

Fingers crossed that the snow doesn't return (not my idea of a white wedding!).

Regards

Martin Cantor

Top Folk Bands in Hungarton Village Hall

ALMA:

One of the UK's top folk groups will be making a stopover in Hungarton whilst on tour in February. Treat yourselves to a feast of great music. They are developing a new website but you can find out more about them here: <http://www.djbuk.com/a1-alma/> **Wed 21st February 2018**
Tickets £10 - from James Patterson (01162595669)

jamespatterson@uwclub.net

CROWS:

Hugely popular in the 1970s and 80s Crows have reformed and after a very successful 2017 will be in Hungarton Village Hall on **Sat 28th April** - pop that date in the diary. Described in a recent review in Living Tradition magazine as 4 masters of the English Folk scene Crows combine great harmony singing with quality musicianship. Tickets for that can be reserved with James Patterson for that one too.

James Patterson, Hungarton

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

The collections at the Service of Light and the Carol Service raised £300 to be split between the Salvation Army and the Alzheimer's Society.

Brian Atkin

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Hedgeways

Topped and trapped to tiny,

trees that want to be
stand in serried sentry
at interlocked attention,
bounding stock or people
rustled into place,
folk in a suburbia
and other lives in fields,
stakes and statutes' bonds
enclosing close to closet
on our contraband of land,
creating ordered bliss
in a foliated discipline
of restraining's art
in preferred rectangles
and seldom in a round,
for its drinking's underground,
yet a ready road for life
which needs no tarmacadam
to stalk or slither home.

[close: a) near; b) small field]

The Year's Shot

In that High Noon of year
a single round of sound
disposes villain months
to the burial ground of Fate,
the Sheriff's timely shot
cleaning out the strife
so we can go on living
in easy company.

Watch Your Time

Magpie hands steal our golden time
to nest eternity
with a cache of minutes,
tiny tokens of the moment
and jewels of hours heisted
from our memory
and never see again.

Oddly

HUNGARTON & KEYHAM WI NEWS

December Meeting: We had a super time at the Manor House. We were greeted by Lorraine's beautiful greenery and floral mantelpieces and wreath which Lorraine had crafted. There was a lovely faith supper and I think Mary Wood's Pavlova was the star of our supper. Thank you again Lorraine for hosting our Christmas party.

January Meeting: On Monday 15th at Hungarton Village Hall. Penny Faulkner will be talking about her very recent trip to Burma/Myanmar. Everyone welcome.

Karen Holmes

KEYHAM CHARITIES - PENSIONERS' LUNCH

The Pensioners Lunch was held at The Black Boy Hungarton with a record attendance of 27; no doubt a few more will become eligible during 2018.

David Witcomb & John Stanfield did an amusing sketch, which encouraged Ros & Brian Atkin to do likewise.

Smiley happy faces plus clean plates all round.

Mrs Ed



Pensioners' Lunch at the Black Boy

KEYHAM NEWS: a few of the highlights of 2017

The **NY edition** featured pictures of the 2016 Christmas Festivities, the first and only official planning meeting for Open Gardens was to be held on 9th January, 'Strictly' was coming to Keyham, and guest editor Richard Windle looked back at Keame, 1617.

Keyham Open Gardens (KOG) officially launched with a comprehensive update appearing in the **February** edition. Hugh and Elizabeth Henderson became grandparents and Sam and Dave Hannah uncovered what was believed to be a Stanton Shelter from WW2.

March, and KOG continued to bloom, Richard Skelton was planning a litter pick and asking for volunteers, we had photos of snow drops by the pump, and Laurie Faulkner provided us with a history of the men from Keyham killed in WW1.

Our **April** edition and the litter pick received much coverage. 16 villagers had responded to the litter pick and over 2 weekends collected 68 bags of rubbish, 10 car tyres, 2 microwave ovens and a dead cannabis plant to name just a few of the items. Keyham Film Night was returning with a 'double bill' railway theme, and Ruby Bird married Tom looked on by proud parents Kim & Paul.

More litter picking stories and KOG moving into top gear in **May**. Steve Bailey told readers of what has been described as the first National Hunt steeple chase – 31st March, 1826, from Barkby Holt via Hungarton to The Coplow. Tom and Sue Scutt gave a further insight (at our request) into This Year, London, part of the double-bill feature at the recent film night. Brett and Ellie Deacon announced the birth of their son.

KOG dominated the **June** edition as the village prepared to welcome visitors on the 24th / 25th of the month; interspersed throughout were photos of Open Gardens 2014, a lovely reminder of what was to come. The swallows had returned to the Johnson's garage, and KN published the first extract from Ian Chambers memories of the village, 1949 - 1974.

Well it's all over till 2020! Kog that is. **July's** edition contained lots of super photos capturing the event. David and Margaret Witcomb celebrated 40 years @ Tanglewood, and David Lloyd and chums flew down to Alderney for his stag party. Happy Days all round.

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We said farewell to The Reverend Felix in **August** – he and his family moving to Lancing, in the Diocese of Chichester, plus another lovely wedding David and Debbie married on the 1st July, Simon Windle got engaged and The Taylors were again on top of Whernside, 11 years after Keyham Ramblers did The 3 Peaks of Yorkshire.

KN **September** edition featured a reunion of the Keyham Ramblers as members from the village travelled down to Somerset to meet up with Jim & Mollie Hoskinson – all were pictured on Ham Hill along with Mollie's sister and dogs Tuscan and Frisbee. Thoughts of Autumn and darker nights too as the dates for the chimney sweep were announced – a special mention must go to Keith Wood who has organised this ever since we came to the village.

October and thoughts now turning towards Christmas..... the croquet competition held in September saw Mr Ed and Geoff Barnett crowned champions (the trophy is on display but not in a prominent position). Bill and Maureen Podesta (again) and Paul and Kim Bird all became grandparents. Christine and Pete Hawker celebrated their golden wedding.

Our **November** edition reported on the forthcoming Defibrillator training arranged for 12 villagers. Appeals for Shepherds, Kings, Angels and weary travellers was made by Gill Wheeler as Christmas activities were a feature.

December and sadly some of the regular events we see in Keyham at this time of year were cancelled. Lots of festive greetings though, Jane and dog Lola had graduated from the Dogs Trust Socialisation / obedience class and Billesdon Badminton Club were looking for new players for 2018.... and lastly the Rev'd Alison had included in her Christmas Message the ballad carol from the 16th Century 'Where are you coming from Shepherdess'. To those at the Carol Service this was narrated by brother and sister Seb and Felicity Wheeler who struggled through whilst giggling – delightful!

Mrs Ed

*All is revealed!
At last, Oddly explains all.....*

To the Lost

When the wood of words is dark
don't rush to understand,
but hold the writer's hand
and take time to stroll
through sensing shapes of script
to explore form and flow
along the path of feeling
imagined in the text,
don't fear grammars growling
or the hiss of sibilants
in the undergrowth
but sense the smells and calls
of imagined creatures,
then just enjoy the journey
to the oasis of your soul.

Oddly

KOG Raffle Prize Arrives – Just in Time for Xmas

Many thanks for the Bridgwood's kind donation of the dressed lamb which was won by one of my in-laws (Glen). Really good. Christmas sorted for quite a few families. Such grateful passion elicited a poetic tribute:

'Sophie had a little lamb,
Its wool was white as snow,
Ian dressed it in a bag,
It was won by Glen; Ho Ho'



Paul Emberton

KEYHAM BRIDGE CLUB DONATION

Through the auspices of Lois, Keyham Bridge Club collects a few pounds throughout the year for charity. This year £160 was raised which Lois sent to Cancer Research UK.



THANK YOU, LOIS

You can find all the details of your donation below. If you have any problems or questions, our Supporter Services team are here for you. You can [email our Supporter Services team](#) or call 0300 123 5462.

Thank you for your support.

The Cancer Research UK team



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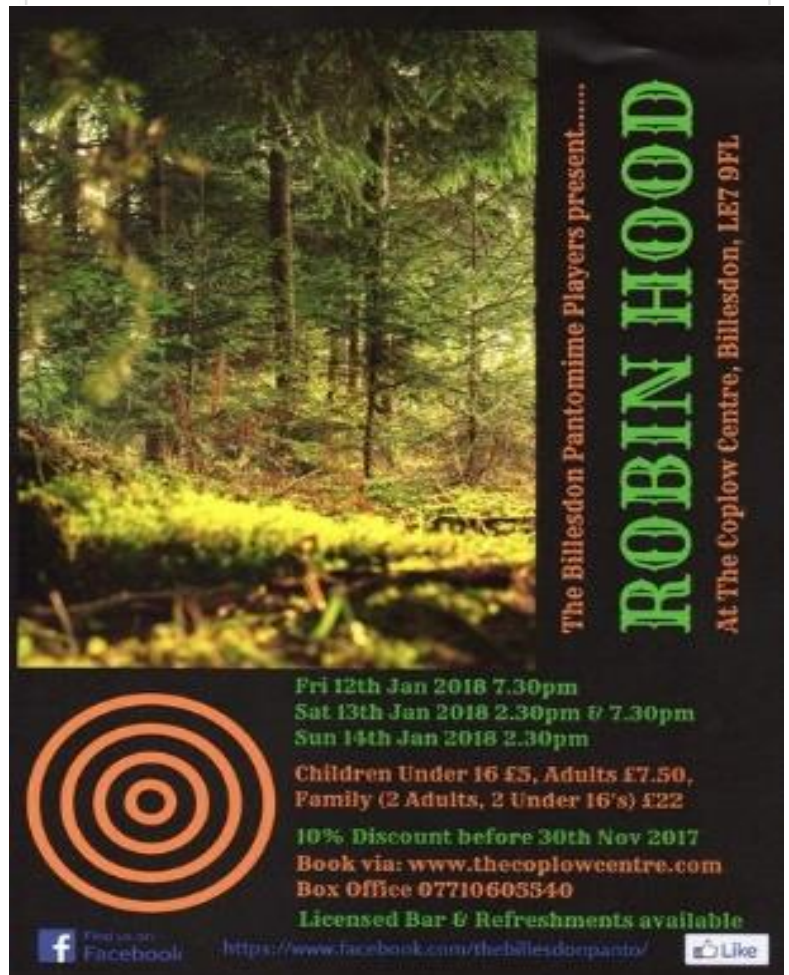
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