

KEYHAM NEWS

Diary Dates

January:

20th WI: Curling in Hungarton VH

Church Services

January:

5 th	9am	Hungarton	Holy Communion
12 th	9am	Keyham	Holy Communion
19 th	5pm	Hungarton	Compline
26 th	6pm	Keyham	Compline

Church Flower Rota

January:

5 th	Claire Windle
12 th	Claire Windle
19 th	Sophie Bridgwood
26 th	Sophie Bridgwood

Keyham Carol Service

Once again, a big thank you to all the 'Keyham Players' who performed so well during the 'Nativity Play', as well as to all the readers. Thank you also to Peter for putting up and decorating the magnificent Christmas trees, to the Matrix recorder group, for providing wonderful seasonal music, and to all who joined in with Richard's favourite version of 'while Shepherds watched their flocks by night'.

A collection was taken for the Leicester Link Charity, and we all enjoyed Hugh's mulled wine afterwards in the newly spacious church, beautifully decorated with white flowers and candles.

Thank you also to Reverends Alison and Rosie, for reminding us what it was all about.

Claire

The final figure for the Carol Service collection was £150 donated to Leicester Link a local charity helping those in need. **Brian**

Keyham Bridge Club has "bought" 5 beds with Crisis at Christmas for £144.50.

<https://www.facebook.com/keyhamchurch/>

January 2020

"The Gate of the Year" is the popular name given to a poem written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins, though titled by the author, "God Knows".

According to Wikipedia (forgive me!) King George VI quoted it in his 1939 Christmas broadcast, having been brought to his attention by his wife, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Consort. The book 'The Servant Queen and the King She Serves' published for Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday, says that it was the young Elizabeth herself, aged 13, who handed the poem to her father."

It feels very much like we are in God's mercy at the moment as our new government forms and tries to find a way forward. Anything could happen – indeed God knows what! However we may feel about the current situation, for better or worse, we can all pray for the leaders of our nation; that decisions made will be for the benefit of all – and especially our most vulnerable neighbours.

Just as Haskins' work has continued to inspire our nation for over a century, perhaps we might draw some wisdom from her today, at our own 'gate of the year':

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

And he replied:

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.*

*And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day
in the lone East.*

So heart be still:

*What need our little life, our human life to know,
if God hath comprehension?*

*In all the dizzy strife, of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.*

God knows. His will is best.

*The stretch of years, which wind ahead, so dim,
to our imperfect vision, are clear to God.*

Our fears are premature; In Him, all time hath full provision.

Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil from our impatient eyes,

*When, as the sweeter features of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise, God's thought around His creatures,
Our mind shall fill."*

Rev'd Rosie

Chairman's Monthly Update: January

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had an enjoyable time over the Christmas period. It was great to catch up and meet with some of you at the Keyham Christmas Gathering, hopefully Declan will be awake to meet everyone at the next social gathering 😊.

Fly tipping: Fly tipping at Scraftoft Lodge Farm has been removed by HDC from the road up to the farm's entrance. The present and remaining rubbish is within the grounds of the farm and as such the land owner has been contacted to remove this. An individual has also been cautioned for fly tipping on Keyham Lane. Thank you to those of you who are reporting and fighting the battle against fly tipping, this offence can very quickly spoil our beautiful countryside.

Snows Lane drains: It has been raised that road drains on Snows Lane are blocked, I am in talks with the council about this matter.

Planning applications update:

[Installation of a mobile home for a temporary worker's dwelling and erection of an agricultural building.](#)

Dandelion Farm, Ingarsby Road, Keyham, LE7 9JU
(revised scheme of 17/00924/FUL) Appeal Decision Ref:
APP/F2415/W/19/3230880 | Status: Dismissed

[Works to trees \(fell\)](#)

Cottage Farm Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ
Ref. No: 19/01915/TCA | Validated: Fri 06 Dec 2019 | Status:
Pending Consideration

[Change of use of land from agricultural to a dog day care facility, erection of a building to be used as an indoor exercise area for dogs, office and toilet, installation of a 2.1m high fence, underground septic tank, 6.3m high wind turbine and six solar panels](#) 🗨️

Land OS 5666 (Lot 2) Scraftoft Lodge Farm Keyham Lane East
Scraftoft Leicestershire
Ref. No: 19/01047/FUL | Validated: Mon 08 Jul 2019 | Status:
Pending Consideration

If you wish to make comments, raise concerns, express approval on any applications you can do so at:

www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications

Any concerns regarding development which you feel does not have planning permission, you can inform Harborough District Council at:

<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/enforcement>

Anna

Keyham Open Gardens

Following our piece in KN December, we have received feedback from a number of villagers.

The odd person is keen to keep KOG going but unable to take over the co-ordination role.

Most people we have spoken to are quite relieved that it might not happen!

It appears, therefore, that KOG 2020 will not take place unless someone steps forward in the very near future to take over.

John & Margaret
KOG 1996 - 2017 Event Organisers



KOG: BOWS OUT?

Hungarton & Keyham WI

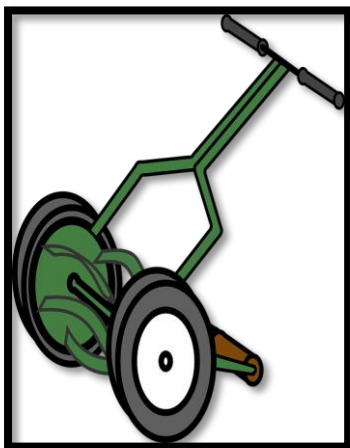
The next open meeting is on Monday 20th January 2020 in Hungarton village hall where we will be curling. This is an Olympic sport but playable by anyone! Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go.



Penny Faulkner

HELP WITH MOWING

I need someone to help me with mowing summer & winter must be able to use a rotary and a ride on mower. Please contact **Helen Martin** (Hungarton) 01162595230



KEYHAM NEWS: a few of the highlights of 2019

The **NY edition** featured pictures of the 2018 Christmas Festivities, and for those LCFC fans a smiling Kasper Schmeichel too on the club's annual visit to the LRI (courtesy of Estelle Ambler). Keyham Village Hall received a donation of 250 dollars from Mark and Cathy Jarvis of Kansas City; a long story but worthy of revisiting. Margaret and David W were pictured outside The Rover Return – no pints of Newton and Ridley bitter for them, instead 2 large glasses of red.

The first litter pick of the year was advertised in the **February edition**. We're improving your supply of wonderful water declared Severn Trent (ST) as the water pipe replacement programme got underway. We all remember that mud!

The **March edition** was a load of rubbish or to be strictly correct the litter pick resulted in 25 bags of rubbish. Keyham got a new noticeboard. The WI had held a Desert Island Discs evening and the proposed A46 expressway made its first appearance in KN. A recipe for Jordanian Bread and Butter pudding was published (courtesy of Richard Taylor); did anyone try making it?

Our **April edition** and the A46 Expressway Opposition group were having a meeting in Billesdon whilst over in Hungarton the WI were having an evening of 'Cocktail Shaker Boys'. Mr Ed had learnt from a reliable source that Severn Trent hope to extend its service to provide a HOT water supply in the next few months (or by April 1st 2020 at the latest). Watch out!

May and Helen (nee Windle) and Thomas married in Keyham Church with a reception in the Village Hall, the store room having morphed into the 'NO ESCAPE' gin bar; is this becoming a tradition? Geoff Barnett had embarked on his latest bike ride, a trip from Keyham across Europe to the Lebanon.

.....highlights of 2019 (cont)

Pictures of the village outing to the RHS Malvern Show appeared in the **June** edition (courtesy of Susan Lansdale). Keyham Croquet would be returning in September and Part I of Steve Bailey's fascinating tale of the Czech refugees in Keyham during WWII began.

Guinness, the particularly talented rescue Guinea Pig of Rev'd Rosie's household provided an insight into his life in the **July** edition; a first for KN, more animal stories? Steve Bailey had been delving into the archives once more and had uncovered a book from 1892 'Bygone Leicestershire' which recounts various punishments of the past including hanging, the stocks, burning and whipping. One of these instruments [a whipping post] is still standing, near the school-house. Part II of Steve's story continued...

Samantha Hannah announced she would be standing down as Village Chairman in the **August edition**. Her tenure of this post finishing at the end of October. Margaret Witcomb and John Stanfield, members of Keyham Bridge Club, had won the group stage of the annual LOROS competition, a competition that raised over £6300 in 2019. Things were moving at All Saints; work was progressing on the removal of pews at the back of the church, and the installation of a servery. Steve Bailey's tale continued...

A tense moment in the final of Keyham Croquet was captured on camera and made the headline in the **September** edition; umpired as usual by 'Woody'. A most enjoyable afternoon with 60 competitors all hosted at Keyham Hall by David and Debbie. Two couples got married; Molly (nee Rosevear) and Jonny Dolan, Mo Dibbs and Gabby. Winter on its way? Keith Wood was organising the Chimney Sweep. Part IV of Steve Bailey's tale.

.....highlights of 2019 (cont)

October and Anna Viggers was voted in as our new Village Chairman. First mention of Christmas Sandra Price was asking for volunteers to host the Ladies Flower Group Dinner. Simon Windle married Chloe. Stop the A46 expressway continued to feed KN with developments and Paul Emerton told of his training and reasoning for wanting to become a C of E Minister.

November and Christmas is fast approaching; The Service of Lights, and Pensioners Lunch. The last instalment of Steve Bailey's story was published.

December and more festive occasions; a village gathering, carol service and fireside service at the D & G. Lots of seasonal messages to fellow friends and neighbours. Happy faces too at the Ladies Flower Group none more so than Sandra Price whom, after having looked after the group since 1982, had finally found someone to take it over! Well done Sand.

Needless to say, we are very grateful to our **regular contributors**, namely Oddly, our Village Chairman and Rev'ds Alison and Rosie.

Geoff & Sue provided a number of features entitled **Keyham Lives** throughout the year and we hope they will resume in 2020. Thank you too to Steve Bailey who made a significant and very interesting contribution to the 2019 annual.

And lastly, lots of **Village News** featured too throughout 2019; some very happy, some unfortunately very sad.

Mrs Ed

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Christmas on Keyham (1)

On **Sunday 8th**, four Emberton grandchildren were christened in All Saints Church followed by a party in the Village Hall



On **Tuesday 10th** the Pensioners' Lunch was held at the Black Boy



Christmas in Keyham (2)

On **Sunday 15th** a Keyham Christmas Gathering was held in the Village Hall. Well done Geoff and Sue for getting us all together.



On **Friday 20th** Readings, Carols and Play in the Church.



Village People (1)

On Saturday 21st **Estelle and Steve (Mr & Mrs Ambler)** were married at the Church followed by a reception in the Village Hall.



Helen gave birth to a little girl she and **Thomas** have called **Lily** in the early hours of **Christmas Eve** at the Royal London Hospital and we sped down there this morning to be introduced and what a gorgeous little Lily she is. For the record she was 3.3 kg and mum and baby are fine. **Richard and Claire**

Village People (2)

Sadly KN has learnt of the death of Suzanne Shenow; Suzanne passed away at home on Monday 30th December surrounded by her close and loving family. Suzanne left Keyham some years ago but she remained in contact with some of the ladies in the village, particularly those with whom she played bridge. Funeral arrangements to follow.
Lois

Day's Diaper

Nappy fog around the dawn
fills with rays and sounds
relieved as mother's warmth
salving night away
gives an early glee.

Foiled date

In a seemly queue
of German uniformity
that Spanish mane's a foil
for the Gallic nose
and roaming roman eye
above a Greek moustache
a common market face
which seeks a maiden's heart
but alas she's English
banning that French kiss
and no longer needing Brussels
on her dish of sovereignty.

Oddly

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN February edition is
Friday 31st January
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or

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<https://www.keyhamparish.org.uk/>