

KEYHAM NEWS



Keyham Croquet 2016:

Based on an idea in 1994 by Jim, Mollie, Julia and Derek; organised by Margaret; umpired by Keith; won by Ian & Harry who beat Jez & Gav in the final

Diary Dates

July:

- 5th Village Hall Cleaning Party 9:30am
- 7th Hampton Court with the WI War Memorial 7:00am
- 18th WI Meeting at Keyham Village Hall Tilton History Group 7:30pm

Church Services

July:

- Sunday 3rd 9am Holy Communion (Hungarton)
- Sunday 10th 9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)
- Sunday 17th 5pm Compline (Hungarton)
- Sunday 24th 5pm Compline (**Keyham**)

Church Flower Rota

July:

- 3rd Margaret Hughes
- 10th Margaret Hughes
- 17th Mary Wood
- 24th Mary Wood
- 31st Anna Rosevear's wedding on 30th July

August:

- 7th Carole Johnson
- 14th Carole Johnson
- 21st Christine Hill
- 28th Christine Hill

September:

- 4th Ros Atkin
- 11th Ros Atkin
- 18th Hannah Holdsworth
- 25th Hannah Holdsworth

Sandra

KEYHAM CROQUET: Saturday June 25th 2016

The first Keyham Croquet competition was held in 1994, winners being Jim Hoskinson and Simon Heath. It was all based on an idea by Jim & Mollie and Julia and Derek Hodson over a rather boozy lunch to which John and I were invited and asked to 'make it happen'.

After 1994 we had a three year gap for whatever reason but since 1997 it has been held every year. This year, and given that we were celebrating the 21st running of the event, we purchased a new trophy; Harry Wheeler is holding the trophy in the adjacent photo. All past winners have been engraved around the base; notable winners include Pete Hawker (a 5 times winner), Chris Page (3 wins), Freddie Stevens, Mo Dibbs and Jim all with 2 wins each.

This year the weather forecast had not been good in the days leading up to the event and even on the day itself the BBC were predicting light showers – well, we probably had the best weather ever for this event and well into the evening too. The 'emergency' gazebo that we erected that same morning to help keep things dry turned out to be a sunshade! Brilliant.

56 competitors this year, a little down on recent years but nonetheless all eager to win the new trophy. After 3 rounds of play, Harry Wheeler went straight through to the final with 16 points, while Kyle Hawker, David Lloyd, Chris Page, Ian Bridgwood, Jez and Gavin Crossley (all on 14 points) faced the dreaded croquet shoot out to see who would be joining Harry. Ian, Jez and Gavin won through. The final was expertly umpired by Keith Wood as usual, with prizes awarded by Jim & Mollie, Julia & Derek.

The evening BBQ was extremely well supported this year and, instead of it being held in the village hall, we remained in the delightful gardens of Chris & Sophie Page's home. It was without doubt the best BBQ that we could remember following the croquet – did the fact that it was a Saturday evening contribute to the success? A few of us remained to the very end..... it wasn't that we'd run out of beer, it was because we could no longer see one another in the dark!

A huge thanks to everyone who took part, made their lawns available, baked cakes, and Chris & Sophie Page who made us all so very welcome (that glass of Pimms at registration setting the scene for a fun day). Thank you too to all those who turned out on Sunday morning to help take back tables / chairs etc. to the village hall and lastly to Keyham Charities who funded the new trophy and the glass of fizz for everyone at the BBQ. Great day / great times.

Margaret Hughes, Event Organiser

Village Hall Renovation

*KVH Renovation Works are supported by
THE BIG LOTTERY FUND (AWARDS FOR ALL) &
KEYHAM CHARITIES*



Renovation work is nearing completion. The hall will re-open for Bridge (in the afternoon) and WI Meeting (in the evening) on Monday 18th July.

**John Hughes,
Chairman KVHMC**

A Winsome Win

Thrice blessed in twisted torque
His mallet of conviction
Motivated might
To crab across the grass
His azure sphere, to strike
The rounded red which fled,
Bouncing, trouncing, testing,
Resting in the rough,
Gainsaying glad remark
Until the sky's reply
In rudimentary bliss
Threaded through the hoop
To kiss in heaven's touch
That jewel of a newel
In the bosom of the game,
Ending all endeavours
To play in weathers' whethers.

Oddly

(for Keyham Croquet)

Ordinary Time

In the church this part of the year is often known as 'ordinary time' on the Sundays after Trinity Sunday right up to All Souls the liturgical colour is green and we have the sense of just 'getting on with it' nothing much happening, no seasons, Easter is done and Christmas still feels a long way off. It's easy to think that in this part of the year nothing much happens, but actually it seems to me, this is often the time when a great deal of growth occurs, when all kinds of things happen, we don't always notice – that's all.

It made me think.... I wonder what happens in July, well to my surprise I discovered quite a lot of important events have taken place in July throughout history. In July 1586 the first potato arrived from Columbia, July 1837 saw Births, Deaths and Marriages registered for the first time, July 1901 was when the fingerprint branch of New Scotland Yard opened, July 1928 brought equal votes for women, July 1937 the 999 service was introduced and on the 21st July 1969 Apollo 11 landed and Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon.

So although July feels like a month when holidays happen and schools finish, a time when not much goes on it only takes a little look back to discover that all kinds of things have happened in this quietest of months.

I wonder what July 2016 will bring?

Revd Alison



We already have a couple of villagers regularly buying from us and would love to find a few more. If anyone is interested in having a look around the farm to see what we do they are always welcome.

Matt Stone

Village News

Congratulations to **Ellie and Brett** who got married at All Saints Church on 4th June. Their reception was held in the grounds of Keyham Hall followed by a honeymoon in Dubai and the Maldives. We wish them well for a long and happy life together.



No Retreat

Play has turned the Bower
Into a Cottage heaven,
Forward on the flank
Brett the bold has caught
Our local beauty Ellie
To score a touchdown try
And a marriage rite's conversion
Set the score to win.

Now Marlow's in the name
Do I hear a Christine chuckle
And Roland's Danny Boy
To bless the union game.

Oddly

(for Ellie & Brett)

Keyham News Deadline: August Edition

The deadline for KN August edition is
Wednesday 27th July

All articles and photographs to
The Lodge or jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

Return of an Old Problem

Some of you may recall the (largely successful) campaign that was waged against dog fouling in Keyham a few years ago.

The problem may have returned. Christine Hawker writes:

"I recently took a walk through the footpath that goes around the house where I live "THE FOLD" and could not believe how much dog mess is in this area. I have done my best to clear it away (NOT my responsibility). People are just using the footpath for this reason only and don't think about the proper walkers who like to be in the countryside walking. People do not think they can be seen but they can. Can people do the right thing and bring bags to take the mess back with them or do not bring your dogs. Have these people who let the dogs do this noticed that there is a sticker on the gate to tell that this offence can cost £500!! in fines. I would like to add that I am an animal lover and had my own dog for many years; never would have left his mess for someone else to walk in".

In addition, I have noticed that recently this problem has returned to the village hall car park and grass area.

Most dog owners I have observed deal with this issue in a very responsible way but some appear not to. To those people "Please clean up after your dogs and/or do not let them roam unattended around the village to foul public areas".



Ed

#Complainaway

Oddly's got a critic
Whose recipes and patterns
And things that rhyme aright
Contrive in their creation
A world that's nice and tight
With measured metered moment,
For foment uncontrolled
Brings unease and stirring
Which may bring the blight
Of thought outside the cusp
When a sweet disorder
May just deform the trite –
And that we cannot bear.

Oddly

Commentary

(in reply to KN "not all rhyme")

Should I touch the subjects
Many find a fear,
Should I hear the anguished
Echo in my mind,
Should I realize
Round bounding bigotry,
Should I taste the tang
Of rudest calumny,
Then in sensing see
The world through sadder eyes.

Oddly

Recipe

(one that certainly does rhyme: Ed)

Take two cups of love
To make a coupled pair,
Add a coo of dove
And a lock of lover's hair
With a dash of passion
To effervesce and fizz
And you have a ration
To make the world a whizz.

Oddly

HUNGARTON & KEYHAM W.I. NEWS

JUNE GARDEN MEETING: It was a cool summer's evening for our garden meeting held in Syston, home of Sue Blaxlands, a garden designer and head of research at the Leicester and Rutland Garden Trust - and it showed! A small garden but designed in such a way with diagonal vistas, a raised octagonal bed, octagonal pond and a third octagonal bed with architectural planting of acanthus, echinops and a beautiful iceberg rose. It was a climbing rose, "Dublin Bay" which met us as we entered through the conservatory which displayed two colourful Bougainvillea. The garden is now twenty years old. Either end of the garden are two clump forming bamboos, "Phyllostachys Aurea", planted to help infiltrate the wind that tunnels around the house. We were introduced to Susan's portfolio and her own garden design and plant listing. Such a list of plants too, could they really fit into such a small area? As Susan explained, gardens evolve, big or small, plants out-grow their allotted spaces, sometimes die. You see a new plant on your travels, a must have! And a space has to be found. Every space is filled in this garden. Two boundaries are old brick walls borrowed from the vicarage kitchen garden where Susan's house now stands. A beautiful climbing rose "Mme Alfred Carriere", creamy white tinged pink with lovely scent, grows happily on the north wall. Alongside a Hedera Dentata Aurea. Two trees are placed perfectly, Amelanchier towards the back of the north wall but central. The other a Pyrus Chanticleer, a narrow upright tree making a perfect statement, planted close to the east wall. There was a mix of Mediterranean planting and old cottage garden planting. The blue Festuca Glauca was in full flower. Thymes and catmint too and just nodding its head above, Cerinthe Major Purpurascens. Phuopsis was creeping along the edge of the pathway to soften. We all have plants in our gardens relating to loved ones or people who have given us plants. Sue's garden has her mother's bay tree and what a healthy specimen it is. Close by a Melianthus (honey bush) can be a little frost tender but in Sue's green haven, even in winter, is not a problem. Campanula Pritchard's variety is just coming into bud, a good strong upright plant, perfect for the cottage garden. Cistus (rock rose) tumbled over the raised garden. As we nudged towards the pond I spied the dreaded duck weed but Miscanthus Zebrunus was showing off its stripes beautifully.

The seating area beckoned where Sue opened up her photograph album. How interesting it was to see photographs from every month of the year. Sue's little green haven, even in winter!

As usual our picnic supper was a great success and enjoyed by all, and it **didn't rain!**

JULY MEETING: On the 18th Tilton History Group, Gim Auterson. Keyham Village Hall 7:30 pm. "Digging up the Digby's". Refreshments will be served by the Keyham W.I. ladies.

There is no meeting in AUGUST but mark your calendars for September 19th. We have our very own Rev. Felix and Laura creating Vegan vegetarian dishes for us. All are welcome at this meeting in Hungarton Village Hall.

Marie Lloyd (President Hungarton & Keyham W.I.)

KEYHAM NEWS

Free Pilates in Keyham Village Hall

My daughter, Linda BOUCH (Jerman) is branching out and would like to start a class in Keyham. She is suggesting 4 x Thursday evenings from July 14th to August 4th 6pm - 7pm in the Village Hall.

She would pay for hire of hall but would only expect a donation to Motor Neurone Disease Charity from participants - mixed, all age groups, all levels of fitness. If it was successful she would consider running the class on a long term basis.

Please register your interest with Linda at pilatesfitnesscoach@gmail.com

Lois Jerman



FREE Charity Pilates Taster course at Keyham Village Hall every Thursday from 14 July 2016 to 4 August 2016 6pm-7pm in aid of the Motor Neurones Disease Association (a collection box plus pins and wrist bands will be at the hall each week). All abilities welcome. 18 years plus.

If you wish to attend the 4 week course please email me (Linda) at pilatesfitnesscoach@gmail.com to book. Maximum 10 people per class.

What is Pilates?

Pilates involves the use of the body to act as resistance whilst carrying out controlled, focussed and precise exercises. You will be asked to focus on breath, core abdominals and pelvic floor in order to increase the benefit from the exercises. Pilates is a holistic class. It benefits the whole body and the mind. You will leave the class feeling toned and relaxed.

What are the benefits of Pilates?

**Improved posture, balance, flexibility and joint mobility
Flatter stomach and stronger core
Stronger pelvic floor, reduced lower back pain and improved co-ordination
Reduced stress levels and stronger immune system
Increased muscular strength, endurance and tone.
Plus many many more**

What do I need to bring?

A Pilates/Yoga mat and a bottle of water. Please wear loose fitting clothes, with something warm to put on during relaxation at the end of the class. The class will be carried out in bare feet or with the use of Yoga/Pilates socks with added grip.

Looking forward to meeting you all.



KEYHAM BOOKWORM'S MONTHLY READ

THE LITTLE RED CHAIRS - EDNA O'BRIEN

Edna O'Brien will be well known to most KN readers. One of the most talented novelists from a long list of Irish authors O'Brien's books tend to concentrate on the innermost feelings of women and their relationships with both men and society itself. After a break of some 10 years she has now returned with an explosive novel that will surely be at the top of the best sellers list in no time.

The Little Red Chairs revolves around a wanted Balkan war criminal who settles on the west coast of Ireland and fills the role of local sex therapist - a title he quickly changes to holistic healer on learning of the locals' view of the former title. The locals are immediately suspicious of him as are the local Garda but his smooth approach keeps them all at bay. We even have a comical passage where a local nun decides to try a hot stone massage in an attempt to trap this incomer to the area.

The plot thickens when the lovely Fidelma falls for the "doctor" despite being married and as we follow her travails and relationship with him what develops is surely one of O'Brien's most intense and intimate novels to date. There are many twists and turns and a highly sinister overtone as Fidelma leaves Ireland for London with the "doctor's" influence being there throughout the novel. O'Brien may have been absent for a decade but her skills have never been better honed than in this latest work. Definitely one to be added to your "must read" list if Edna O'Brien is to your liking.

Amazon have it at £5.03 on Kindle and £5.59 in paperback excl p&p.

Waterstone's have it at £5.99 in paperback including p&p with free click and collect.

Welcome back O'Brien and as always happy reading!

Bookworm

KEYHAM HISTORY: Very First Croquet 1994



How many villagers can you identify? Many thanks to Julia Hodson for the photographs. Ed