

KEYHAM NEWS



Would you like Keyham to have a bench like this?
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Diary Dates

July:

- 5th Parish Meeting EGM
Village Hall 7:30pm
16th WI – Mercy Ships
Keyham Village Hall 7:30pm

Church Services

July:

- 1st No services in Hungarton and Keyham
(Rosie's ordination)
5pm Evensong (Goadby) for the whole
Benefice
8th 9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)
15th 5pm Holy Communion (Hungarton)
22nd 6pm Compline (**Keyham**)
29th 10am Deanery service
Holy Communion (Tugby)
and..... '**Every Wednesday morning - 9:00-9:30**
Morning Prayer - Keyham Church'

Church Flower Rota

July:

- 1st Sophie Page
8th Sophie Page
15th Sarah Skelton
22nd Sarah Skelton
29th Kim Bird

August:

- 5th Margaret Hughes
12th Margaret Hughes
19th Mary Wood
26th Mary Wood

Sandra

EGM to Elect Parish Chairman **7.30 pm on Thursday 5th July 2018** **Keyham Village Hall**

An extraordinary meeting is going to be held to elect a new Chairman for the Village Parish Meeting. There will be two candidates, who have volunteered to stand, and each voter within the Parish will have a single vote and this will be by a show of hands. The two candidates are:

Samantha Hannah and Hugh Henderson

Please attend the meeting if you are available, unfortunately proxy voting is not permitted, and so it will be decided by the votes on the night. It is not anticipated that the meeting will take long as this is the only item on the agenda.

Richard Sherry

Keyham Croquet

Sorry to disappoint but we have taken the decision to cancel the croquet this year; Mr Ed is due to have surgery around the time of the event thus we can't commit to organising it this year. It will be back next year though with Mr Ed and Geoff Barnett as reigning champions.

Mrs Ed

Charity Garden Party at The Cottage

I would like to give a big thank you to Tony & Carol, Brian & Ros and Stephen for supporting us at our Charity Garden Party. I'd also like to thank Keith & Mary for their donation even though they couldn't make it on the day. We had a fantastic afternoon and managed to raise approximately £300 😊

Unfortunately I don't have any photos to share with you all as I was so busy socialising & mesmerised by the magician that I completely forgot!

I will make sure I give you all much more notice next year.

Samantha

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN August edition is
Tuesday 31st July
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or
jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

July

On the first July our new Curate Rosie will be ordained at Leicester Cathedral and begin working with us on 2nd July. I am delighted but thought it best to let her introduce herself.

Revd Alison

Hello!

Having spent the past 3 years training at theological college in Oxford ('vicar school', or 'Holy Hogwarts') I'm really excited to take my first newly-ordained steps here in the Coplow Benefice, working alongside Revd Alison.

It's probably easiest not to ask me where I'm 'from'. My 'home' has ended up being wherever I hang my hat! A bit of a wandering minstrel, studies and work have left quite a trail of footprints back and forth over the UK. After growing up in a village in Sussex, I took my first degree at Nottingham University, and have now arrived back in the East Midlands via Winchester, Manchester and Oxford... so I'm very much looking forward to settling in one place for the few years of my post in Billesdon, so now I'm delighted to say I'll be 'from' here and calling the Coplow benefice 'home'!

What excites me about ministry in the church? I'm interested in people, in faith and life and the big questions – journeying with people and puzzling over these things together. I'm looking forward to being involved in all the wonderfully varied church services that happen across the benefice. It's going to be an amazing privilege celebrating the most joyful moments of baptisms and weddings; also supporting people through the hardest times and at the end of life; praying with and for the community; and if I'm lucky, being around to celebrate those little miracles where love (and therefore God) is shown and shared in everyday life.

Outside church, my life tends to still be quite 'heavenly' orientated... My fiancé Jon and I met many years ago through university gliding – and while I stick to flying small stuff, Jon is also an airline pilot based at East Midlands jetting round Europe. Once things calm down after all the changes of being ordained, new job and new house, Jon and I are looking forward to getting married and making our home together. Since we're both animal lovers, our household will probably grow to include several pets (yet to be decided...).

.... continuation

My other more grounded hobbies tend to include anything practical and creative – photography, art, crochet, baking, gardening, singing, amateur dramatics, and attempting to play the fiddle. I hope that my role will include being around and about in the villages, and generally taking part in community life as much as possible. I also hope this post may involve quite a lot of cake, so I'll probably need to join a fitness class and do lots of walking around the parish!

So I look forward to meeting and getting to know you – whether at church, school, fire station, panto, pub or anywhere else!

Rosie



Rosie Homer – Our New Curate

Village News

Joan from Mayfield Meadows writes to KN.....

After a long and happy working life in Keyham a couple of us have now been given the opportunity to travel. We have had to drastically downsize for this but feel it has been worth it. Here's one of us: Dandy owners trailer tent rally in Dorset and think we fit in well with the 1986 vintage brown and beige décor. We really appreciate being able to hang out with new friends and enjoy a good yarn. Thanks to John for organising our re-homing. Once yours,
The old village hall curtains



[PS When Pete Varnam and myself did up the Village Hall two years ago we did our best to re-cycle and re-use all of the old stuff. This is where the old curtains went! Ed]

KN sends its best wishes to **Chris Bean** following his recent spell in hospital.

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On the 20th May, **Erin Furniss**, the granddaughter of **Gordon and Sharon Glassford** of Kings Lane, made her First Holy Communion. They then went on to celebrate with family and friends at Keyham Village Hall.



Richard Taylor has just started the 109 mile Cleveland Way. He tells KN..... "This is me looking grim and determined at the start of the Cleveland Way [in Helmsley]. Finish Tuesday [3rd July] at Filey if all goes well".



Pageant or Parade?

Ladies in their best
dress the grand occasion,
not in berets' solid circles
without that loyalty
which surmounts command,
but setting chic formality
when silly hats appear
and browse in harmony
to impress or pose,
accoutrements of colour
and caparisons of style
cloaking flowers and feathers,
while veils of earnest wraith
glaze the gaze and disguise
the racy front behind
haloes set in straw,
cartwheels of content
tipped in coy retention
to mantle blondes beneath
and frame the face above
bosoms of content,
that obscure to shade
the view of elegance,
while those who circle circumspect
thank god it's fine today.

Ann O'Dyne

As they lay me on the altar,
bereft of blings and things
as shows of other faith,
the Doom of Dulling smiles
and in beguile to comfort
gently takes my hand,
to rest in easy style
and favour the quietus
Doom's gassing will induce
against the boredom soon to come,
while "you'll feel just a prick"
tells me their opinion
of my present circumstance,
as I follow their arithmetic
but soon cannot succeed
in a count
to ten.

[anodyne - painkiller
gassing - anaesthetic chatter
boredom - a) torpor b) cut into]

Oddly

Top Gear

In the dizzy dressage
of the racing ring,
trainers trilbies saddle
those who tutor place,
while bookies make the cookies
in betting bowlers' taste,
with surprising odds for sods
that accumulate where hooves
reprove the grassy state
and men mind their custom
to retain top hats ahead
in burnished elevation
on classy studs with voice,
as trilby's thrill the downs
to translate in the Tote
ticket's bizarre bounty,
while top hat's towering style
reproves its losing chance
in a boast of bubbles
past its owner's wineing post.
[wineing – winning, whining]

A La Mode

Entering the auction
bent on proposition
the slight of suit, in vogue
for light and warning blends,
bids for partner's fancy
dressing for a game,
but the prize of play
is in apposition
by other finery
in their fashion of the day
and so our single suit,
failing its display
in a wanton dream of dress,
sells as second hand.

Rosy View

The metaphor that's my vision
escapes the tawdry world,
not seeing dust or dirt
or perfections lacking
but the shine of spirit
with its rays of gold
to brighten worldly days
and colour all around.



Community Flood Warden We Need You

Community Flood Wardens are members of the local community and are supported by the Local Authorities, the Environment Agency and LLR Prepared. Nominated volunteers will sign up with their District Council and become part of the Community Flood Plan for their area. They will also receive direct flood warnings from the Environment Agency and pass these on to their neighbours.

What is the role of a Community Flood Warden?

Each Community Flood Warden will have a certain area that he/she will look after, and by working together with the Local Authority and the Environment Agency, ensure their community is prepared for flooding.

This could be in a variety of ways, for instance:

- Ensure members of the community have received direct flood warnings, understand what they mean and where to obtain further information
- Work as a community to prepare for a flood event and identify vulnerable people within the community who may need extra help
- Report blocked drains, ditches, etc to the relevant authority

Community Flood Wardens should always remember Health and Safety is very important and never place themselves in positions where their own personal safety is at risk. In particular, they should not:

- Enter any flood water whatsoever
- Put themselves at risk to attempt any form of rescue operation
- Attempt to clear blocked drains, gullies, ditches or watercourses

Why do we need Community Flood Wardens?

Since the year 2000, a large number of communities have been affected by some of the worst flooding for 50 years, and have been forced to confront the devastating consequences that flooding can bring. Flooding is a natural process and whilst it cannot be prevented, there are things we can do to prepare for a flood event.

Although the Environment Agency issue warnings for most main rivers and the coast, it is important for individuals and local communities to understand that they also have a responsibility to look after themselves, their families and properties by preparing for flooding. Flooding can be made worse by blocked drains and other obstructions – by monitoring and reporting such conditions to the appropriate authority, flood wardens can help to reduce potential problems.

Become a Flood Warden by contacting

John Brown
Resilience Partnership
j.brown@harborough.gov.uk

LCC Emergency Management
emergency.management@leics.gov.uk
0116 305 6101

www.harborough.gov.uk/beprepared

100 Year Anniversary of end of WW1 & First Votes for Women: A Bench?

Dear Chairman,

As Leader of Harborough District Council I am inviting you to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1 and the centenary of Votes for Women with us. 2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1 and importantly provides us with the opportunity to commemorate those who fought for the freedom of this country, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. It also marks the 100 year anniversary of women first being given the right to vote. These momentous events have fundamentally shaped the way we are able to live and enjoy our current lives. The Council is looking for initiatives that will provide both longevity and also impact during 2018, the anniversary year.

The Council has details of two metal benches (see attached photos and details) which commemorate the end of WW1. Lutterworth Town Council has acquired two of the benches recently and has found them make a strong impact in their chosen site. We are proposing to make a financial contribution for the purchase and fitting of these benches with interested Parishes. The cost of each bench is £752 plus VAT. The cost of fitting is dependent on the local site chosen. We would be very interested to hear if this is something you are able to support. The Council is allocating up to £20,000 for these benches.

Cllr Neil Bannister: Leader Harborough District Council

It has been confirmed that HDC will fund 50% of the cost and fitting of the bench, with the estimated contribution being £500. The bench would become the responsibility of the Parish Council, which would include future maintenance costs. The Parish Council would be required to order and arrange fitting of the bench in a location deemed suitable. It is expected that the parish will make a contribution towards their bench, this could be from our precept/reserves. So the question that I am asking of you is do you want the option to purchase a bench, which would be paid from the village reserves, and where could it be positioned?

Rich Sherry

Keyham Conservation Committee Fly Tipping & Planning Matters

Fly Tipping - Scraftoft Lodge Farm

I am pleased to report that action is being taken. A large tree trunk has been placed across the entrance to the field at the back of the farm on the road to Beeby to stop people driving onto the field and dumping their rubbish. A metal barrier (flimsy) has been put in place at the entrance to the farm opposite the Natural Burial ground. The rubbish is still there on the farmland!!

Planning application associated with above farm by Acres Free Range Farm

Harborough Planning - 18/00915/FUL
This is an application for the siting of a static caravan for use as office, CCTV base, staff welfare unit and to store medicines for livestock in the field directly opposite Scraftoft Golf course. Please use the above planning application number if you wish to make a comment. Keyham Conservation Committee will submit a comment once our new Village Chairperson has been installed.

KCC have also alerted Harborough Planning to the large white coach complete with TV aerial and Calor gas connection which has been tucked behind the hedge on what is now we are led to believe, the former site of the rabbit farm planned by T & S Nurseries. KCC will keep you updated.

Lois Jerman

HUNGARTON & KEYHAM WI NEWS

July Meeting: Monday 16th Keyham Village Hall. Mercy Ships: Hear about the largest hospital ship in the world.

MORE BYGONE KEYHAM

A Memoir written by Cynthia Wade nee Allen, formerly Halliday, on Life in Keyham - as requested by Dr Ken Davison in late 1989

The first seven pages of this memoir were published in our May & June editions. The final four more pages are in this edition along with these two photographs.

Keyham Fete 1957/8 at Keyham Old Hall



Egg & Spoon Race:

Ian Chambers, Robert Harrison, Fiona Halliday, ???, Julia Harrison, Terry & Barry Voss



Beside the Seaside:

Front Row (l to r) ??, Fiona Halliday (with parasol), Julia Harrison, Ian Chambers, behind Julia (on her left) Maureen Harrison

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... those rumblings explained....

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have been no more than a minute. The whole house shuddered and creaked. It was a minor earth tremor.

Another disturbing event that occurred about this time was one sunny summer morning when about 7 am I saw a plane flying low over the village. I became aware that there was also a lot of noise of transport and voices coming from the stableyard. So I went to look out of the only attic window that faced the right direction and saw an army field unit with transport, soldiers and a field kitchen, on which breakfast was cooking, had requisitioned the top yard. I dressed and went to see what was going on. It was obvious when I got there that it was a mountain rescue team. An officer in charge told me that an RAF plane had come down in the area the previous night and his men were searching the area by air, transport and foot. The plane was found later that morning. It had come down in the field on the far side of the stream below the cemetery. As the ground was very soft it made little noise on impact and had to be dug out of the sandy soil. The pilot was killed. He was, I believe, the only occupant. His parents visited the site ^{where} he had died the following weekend. During the war a returning American bomber had come down in almost the same spot, on the cemetery side of the stream.

That Autumn, Miss Cranfield, who lived at 'Wayside', a cottage in Main Street, to the left of the Dog and Gun as you faced it, suggested I helped the younger children do a nativity play in the Church at Christmas. So for the first time in my life I started to go to church to learn what went on inside. The organist, Mr Hudson, composed a couple of hymns for the children to sing in the play in addition to the familiar Christmas carols.

After that Miss Cranfield had another idea and suggested I helped the

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young start a youth club. We certainly started it and got financial help from the Carnegie Trust, but ~~it~~ ^{the club} didn't last long. We also had quite a lively group of Folk Dancers, led by Doreen Flowers, a member of the Folk Dance and Song Society. We exchanged visits with other like-minded local groups.

When Mrs Cheales was in Rhodesia one winter, it was suggested that instead of the Annual Meet of the Quorn Hunt at Nether Hall, they might like to meet at the Top Hall. Father and mother were at business, so as I was the only one at home they suggested that I should offer the Master a whiskey and everyone else Sherry or Port. So two helpful ladies filled a couple of trays with glasses of fortified wine and they sallied forth with them to the assembled mounted company. I was not sure what the capacity of a Master of Hounds was for whiskey, so I half filled a tumbler and gave it to Sid to carry forth on a salver. As he took it he commented, "Cor! you'll 'ave 'im falling off his bleedin' 'orse."

Mrs Cheales being absent for the preparations for the annual fete, which was customarily held at Nether Hall, we offered to have it at 'ours', (as they say in Norfolk). All the usual events took place. Games of chance, childrens races, teas etc. My mother also arranged for some old musical friends to provide a quartet of string instruments because she liked the reedy sound of music out of doors. My contribution was a charade performed by the young children of 'Beside the Seaside'. Who all had their photograph taken by the Leicester Mercury. Mrs Cheales was back in time for the event, which was opened by Mrs Ted Kendall, whose husband was ENT Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, and had lived at Nether Hall.

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Eventually the Church roof was replaced and was duly re-blessed by the Bishop, but its delapidations had had a most unifying effect on the village.

By 1959 Father's curious arrangements with Aubrey Sharp were coming to an end once more and as a friends house was coming on to the market he decided we should all move. My mother in particular was very sad at leaving Keyham. She felt it was her spiritual home. The children and I had loved it too. Father had always been less enthusiastic, finding the outbuildings in their fallen-down state, depressing. And the garden too big.

During the 8 years of my absence father had looked after my Ducks and Geese. Now the time came to dispose of them as we were moving to a less spacious garden at Thurnby. Old Jackie Sanderson, now retired from farming, but living in the village and looking after the grass in the cemetery in his spare time, said he would like the Drake and Ducks. To my horror he put the ducks in a box to carry home and cut the throat of the drake before my eyes and threw him in the back of my car; because I had offered to run him back with them. He looked at me and said, "Are you alright, young woman? You look a bit white!"

After that I asked the RSPCA to come and collect the Gander and Geese and stayed firmly away when they came to collect them. Sending them a donation later.

We left Keyham in 1959 but we didn't go far, and we kept coming back. In 1960 my children were baptised in Keyham Church at the ages of 10 and 5. In 1961, five days before she was due to open the Keyham Fete, my mother died as a result of a car accident. And on the day before the fete, was buried in Keyham Churchyard.

For many years I payed a small annual contribution to the parish council towards the upkeep of my mothers grave - which I understood Jackie Sanderson attended to. Each Christmas, until his death I sent him a ~~par~~ ^fardigan made in our factory. It wasn't until after his death I discovered from Mary Chambers - amidst mutual mirth - that he had been looking after her father's (Mr Lester's) grave, which he had mistaken for mothers.

In about 1968 the Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire conferred, in the village hall, an MBE on Miss Gertrude Healey for her years of devoted service to the Keyham Post Office.

On a happy occasion of July 1st 1972 the Reverend Eric Siddall conducted a service of blessing in Keyham Church on the occasion of my marriage to Ashton Wade at which many members of our families and friends were present.

Many thanks to Fiona Davie for sending us such wonderful memories of Keyham.