



It's tricky to get to the Mediterranean this summer, so KN brings a touch of the Med to you. But where is this amazing lemon tree in Keyham? Clue: it's in one of the **June Gardens 2021** featured on pages 7 and 8.

All Saints Church Keyham

Next Service

11am Sunday 25th July

Please note the change to the 4th Sunday of July because of holidays

Please join us

Keyham News Deadline:

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July

At this time of the year in the church we are journeying through the 'Sundays after Trinity' often known as 'ordinary time'. Our church colour is green and in many ways it is a peaceful space. The celebrations of Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are all over and it is as though we can now find some space to go for a wander in our green and beautiful countryside.

This year of course it has been rather different... space to wander and the appreciation of our beautiful surroundings has definitely increased. The celebrations of everything though have been very much muted.

As we think of how blessed we are to live in our rural space 'normal' might seem idyllic, and in many ways it is, but anyone who watches programmes like Spring or Autumn watch or indeed any nature programme knows that amidst the beauty and tranquillity there is struggle and pain, fighting and hardship, life and death, as well as love and friendship of course.

And so it is for us, despite our surroundings we have not been immune from the loss this last year has brought.

So whether back in church (which we are doing sometimes) or on Zoom as we gather weekly, we will wander through the beauty of this season but also wonder at the comforting presence of God in the difficult times, when suffering comes and there seems to be no good explanation – sometimes no explanation at all, simply no words. We have this time to think about our faith in realistic ways, not ignoring the way the world is, but recognising the way it is and exploring what our faith means in this world which we inhabit.

This 'ordinary time' can be anything but ordinary. It is a time of growth and thinking, a time of faith and doubt, questions and answers, but most of all it is a journey and when we arrive at the next season we will be different because of the journey.

Wherever you are this July, whatever it brings, I pray for good wanderings and good wonderings.

Rev'd Alison

Interim Chairman's Update July 2021

Highways: Potholes on Snows Lane and Main Street now repaired. Please let me know if you discover any other areas that you consider need attention.

King Lanes Lighting/Security: Concerns were raised with me about the street light on Kings Lane being obscured by vegetation and thus creating a blind spot that might be exploited by individuals wishing to break into cars. The vegetation has now been removed.

Village Meeting: Will be arranged when COVID restrictions have been lifted.

Chicken Factory: As some of you will have seen from other correspondence some progress has been made with the legal challenge against this development but, as most people know, legal advice can be expensive. As a result the Action Group have requested further donations to try and reach the amount of money required for the next step. Having been Village Chairman for 13 years between 2003 and 2018, I can confirm that this proposed development presents the biggest threat to our village that I've encountered both during my tenure and subsequently.

I've previously outlined in Keyham News the main issues that Keyham faces in terms of increased HGV traffic and the other general concerns are outlined in the link below.

If you can, therefore, please pledge further donations so that we can try and stop this horrible plan. See this link....

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/stop-the-development-at-manor-farm/>

If anybody has any other questions about the development, please contact me directly.

Thanks
Tony Johnson, Interim Chairman



Update on Stop the Beeby Chicken Factory

You may have already seen that the County Council has published its decision on Manor Farm this week.

Nevertheless, we are pleased to report on the progress made so far in our efforts to block the proposed development.

Counsel has identified some arguable grounds of challenge and the Manor Farm Action Group has received a response from our solicitors to the list of questions we raised.

Following on from this advice we will be able to have a full legal conference – now that a vital document has finally released by Leicestershire County Council. This will ensure that we have a complete legal opinion and have discussed every option open to us before proceeding to the next stage.

Once this exercise is complete, we will instruct counsel to draft a "Letter Before Action", which is a required pre-action protocol for a Judicial Review. The letter would set out our legal basis for a challenge and provide LCC with an opportunity to respond. Our solicitors have also pointed out that it is not uncommon for cases to be satisfactorily settled at this pre-action stage thereby eliminating the need for further legal proceedings.

What happens next?

Should LCC decide to challenge the "Letter Before Action" and, acting upon the advice of our solicitors, we decide on further legal action, we would then apply to a judge for leave to initiate a Judicial Review.

Our strong belief is that we must proceed to the next step of issuing a "Letter Before Action", especially as counsel has already identified arguable grounds and more may be added following our conference call.

Since our budget to take us to the present stage, so generously pledged by you, has been exhausted and the estimated costs associated with taking the next step will be £5,480, we are asking for your further support.

Many of us are worried by the proposal to house Broiler Chickens in sheds at Manor Farm. There has been much concern about noise, odour, heavy lorry movement on small country lanes, and last and possibly most importantly, about the chickens themselves. These chickens, 100,000 of them, will live their unnaturally short lives unable to move freely, unable to perch, scratch, have dust baths, walk, or do any of the normal things that birds do. They live, (and often die too,) standing in their own excrement. Their feed contains growth promoters/ low doses of antibiotics to keep them "healthy", vestiges of which are present in their dung, which will afterwards be spread on fields as manure. The terminology used by Leicestershire County Council to describe them says much about people elected to look after OUR welfare! They refer to them as a "CROP". Unfortunately (as many living on the Welsh borders have also found out) making a strong complaint has no effect. We have to take legal action, and that costs a lot of money. Many living here in Keyham (and in Hungarton and Beeby) have already been extremely generous, but we need to raise some more money to be successful. Can you help again? Surely it's worth it!

Ann Markee

KEYHAM NEWS

Free Eye Screening - Vista at the Village Hall

Vista is responsible for delivering a mobile outreach programme for older residents across Leicestershire who are at risk of developing sight loss. From a specially adapted vehicle, we will put Vista's services 'on the road' and engage with older people in pre-existing community groups, GP surgeries, and places of worship to deliver our message of preventative eye health. Vista's priority target group for the outreach programme are older people in the community who have sight loss or are at risk of developing a sight loss condition, particularly those individuals who live in rural areas of the county and are susceptible to suffering from social isolation and loneliness. The outreach programme will support older people who are already experiencing sight loss and provide an early prevention programme for those who are at risk of developing it in the future. By providing preventative information and raising awareness of the range of services and new technologies that can support people with sight loss, the programme will help to limit the negative impact that a diagnosis has on peoples' lives.

Vanisha Patel, Social Inclusion Facilitator/Elsie driver/Practitioner 07715078811

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The flyer features the Vista logo at the top left, consisting of the word 'vista' in white lowercase letters followed by a series of orange dots of varying sizes. To the right of the logo is a large orange circle with a dashed white border containing the text 'Free eye screenings'. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Are you looking after your eyes? We're here to help.' in white, with 'We're here to help.' in orange. A white rectangular box contains the following information: 'Our Mobile Support Service will be here on' in bold black text, followed by the date and time 'Friday 9th July 2021 10-12pm' in bold black text, and the address 'Keyham Village Hall, Main Street, Keyham, Leicester, LE7 9JQ' in black text. Below the address, it states: 'Vista's mobile support service is touring Leicester city, county and Rutland, providing **FREE** information, support and advice about eye health and assistive technology. Our friendly staff can also offer a free basic eye screening.' Further down, it says: 'Venues, dates/times may need to change so please telephone us on **0116 249 8839** before you travel if you are making a special journey.' At the bottom of the white box, it provides the phone number '0116 249 8839' and the website 'www.vistablind.org.uk/mobilesupport'. At the very bottom of the flyer, there is a small illustration of a blue van with the Vista logo on its side, driving on a road with a dashed white line, with a green tree and a yellow light pole in the background.

vista

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Registered charity number: 218992

Village People

Congratulations to **Ian and Sophie** who recently celebrated significant birthdays.

Welcome to **Michael and Rebecca Ots**. Michael tells KN....

Just wanted to write to introduce ourselves. We have recently moved into Ashlea on Snows Lane. I actually already knew Vicky and Anthony in the village.

I (Michael) am actually originally from Leicester and have family in and around the area. I used to spend my summer holidays working on the village farm in Hungarton! Rebecca is from Scotland. We got married at the start of last year (before the world went crazy!). We were living down in Buckinghamshire but have moved back to be closer to family (lots of nieces and nephews and parents who are getting older).

We really look forward to meeting others and feel free to pop round and say hello; there's normally some homemade cake in the kitchen that we need help eating! We would love to meet you and look forward to getting to know others in the village. We are well up for community stuff! We love it here already :)

Blessings, **Michael and Rebecca**

A warm welcome too to **Martin and Karen King** who have moved into Tanglewood in Snows Lane. (KN loves the "nearly famous names")



Hannahs and Amblers enjoying Greek Night at the D&G

Village People (cont.)

David and Margaret are settling in very well in Hose and send their best wishes to all in Keyham. When changing the address on his motor insurance, David was asked whether this would alter his marriage. David said he hoped not as he was very happy with his lovely wife. "Sorry Sir" said the young call handler, "I said mileage, not marriage".



One last G&T at the D&G for D&M, for now.....

Fifteen years on from the Three-Peaks Challenge, **Edna and Richard** are still putting in the miles. Richard has just completed the North Yorkshire Inn Way (92 miles) and Edna has completed the Whitby Way (71 miles) from York to Whitby.

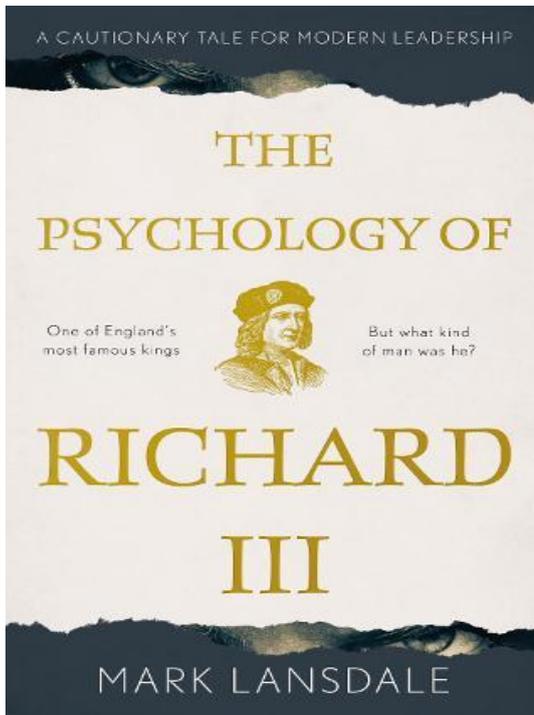


Margaret, John, Paula, Mollie, Tony, Richard and Edna (supported by Jim and Carole) at the end of the 24 miles in 12 hours Yorkshire 3-Peaks - 15 years ago this week

More Keyham Authors

(at this rate we'll be able to hold our own Book Festival – Mr. Ed)

I thought Keyham News readers might be interested in Mark's new book, available from major bookshops and online retailers (including Waterstones, WHSmith and Amazon) from 28th June.



Richard III has always been a figure of historical debate, and interest has increased since the discovery of his remains in a Leicester car park in 2012. Mark was a member of the University's multidisciplinary Greyfriars Research Team, formed in the wake of the archaeological discoveries.

In his new book, Mark aims to bring psychology and history together to ask if modern psychological theory can tell us more about this controversial king, and to look more widely at the psychological forces that motivate leaders in peace and crisis; offering a cautionary tale for contemporary leaders, perhaps!

Susan

I noticed in the last edition of Keyham News that there is a book club in the village? Would love to know more! *(Ed - contact Richard Taylor at taylor.keyham@btinternet.com).* I'm actually an author myself (among other things). I've got a new book coming out in the autumn. Will drop a copy of each of my books in the library!

Also – can anyone recommend a good cleaner that's are willing to come out to the village? Keen to find one and figured there might be one that comes recommended that already comes out to the village.

Michael Ots, Evangelist

michaelots.com

youtube.com/michaelots

Hod Lines

As a single brick
in a squad of conscripts
I stand in line as ordered
so they can make us soldiers
perhaps to be a parapet
though with no head for heights
I'm on the ground with others
as we learn to use a mortar
to invade the countryside
in attacks to occupy
so that my kind will rule
and dictate ways of life
as a vision for the future.

Optimist

This balloon of mood
rises every morning
to the skies above
where on the winds of fate
and defying gravity
it soars up in a freedom
with blues as far horizons
until it lands again
to pick up any fares
who would like to share the view.

Old Fashions

Those garbs of race and gender
in assorted colours
now hanging in the closet
need taking out to air
achieving a refreshment
so all can walk together
wearing smarter habits.

The Rite Place

Bungalows of thought
make a simple life
but for a greater space
install a set of steps
leading to aloft
where you can store your spirit
to recover when it's needed.

Oddly

KEYHAM NEWS

Zummerzet Ex-pat News

(Mrs. Ed was in touch recently with Mollie and Jim, ex-Mayfield Farm, and here is their latest news)

All is well here in Somerset. We have just got back from our caravan in Salcombe. We caught up with Julia and Derek, and Peter and Gill Heath who were staying in shepherd's huts on our campsite. As you can imagine there were lots of recollections of our time in Keyham, singing Nellie Dene at the bottom of Peter and John's garden. Also Jim's rendition of alouette at the Dog and Gun Beaujolais evening!!!



Jim & Mollie with Peter & Gill Heath (ex-Mayfield Barn) and Julia & Derek Hodson (ex-Cottage Farm) in Salcombe

I am sitting looking out at our bird feeder and there are two spotted woodpeckers enjoying a feed as I type, lovely sight. They are swaying away making the whole thing rock around precariously!



....and Poppy the dog

Jim & Mollie continued.....

Do you still have Keyham Ramblers walks? What fun we had especially on our Derbyshire away days. I am really enjoying my walks with Poppy the dog.

We have such great rambles around us. A couple of weeks ago we were walking across the fields and Poppy chased a deer, she eventually gave up and was wagging her tail and sniffing in some tall grass nearby, I went to investigate and there were two of the tiniest fawns curled up together.

Poppy was licking one of them which was quite sweet but ironic since she had been chasing the mum minutes before! I went back later that day to check mum had come back and no sign of them so guess she had moved them to safety.

Jim is always nagging me to take my phone when walking but didn't have it with me, what a shame as it would have made a gorgeous photo.

The family is well. The 13 year old twins (Tim and Liz's two) are taller than us now! We see them quite often which is lovely. Simon and Carolyn, Tom and Rosie who live at Eastbourne (horrible journey to get to there) are coming down to Salcombe in July so we are really looking forward to spending time with them. Christie, Ben, George and Sam are still living in Surbiton but moved to a bigger house. The boys are great fun and very entertaining although I think the parents were very happy when they could go back to school as both Christie and Ben are working from home!

Well that seems to be all my news for now. Best wishes to all in Keyham.

When you see Carol again give her lots of love and hugs from us both. What good neighbours they were. She and Tony are in our thoughts.

Mollie

KEYHAM NEWS

Keyham Gardens June 2021



The Cottage - Collage from Keyham Village Facebook



Old West End Farm – Tree Peony



Marlow Cottage – Vegetable Collage



Ashlea – Front Garden



Fox End – Red Roses



The Lodge – Rockery and Cottage Garden



Old White House Farm - Cottage Garden



Vermont Cottage – Roses and Sweet Peas



Keyham Allotments –
Photos by Steve Bailey

**Thank-you
to all contributors to our pictorial
Open Gardens Event
A lot less work than the real thing!**

The Village Defibrillator

Following recent events at Euro 2020 and to inform newcomers to the village, KN asked Lynette from Blackthorn Farm to re-run her piece about the defibrillator at the village hall.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO HELP IN A HEARTBEAT?

It happens in a split second. A person collapses — the victim of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) — and the clock starts ticking. You call for help, and medical professionals are on their way. But precious seconds are racing by. The victim's best chance for survival is immediate CPR and a rescuer with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Designed for Unexpected Heroes

Successful defibrillation must be supported with high-quality CPR. The AED's first heart analysis is critical. If it calls for no shock, only CPR can lead to a shockable rhythm on the next analysis. CPR provides a struggling heart with oxygenated blood needed to help restore a normal rhythm.

The ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator will guide you through the process of performing high-quality CPR and will, if needed, deliver a potentially lifesaving shock to the heart. With an AED and quick action, you could help avert tragedy.

While only 50% of sudden cardiac arrest victims will initially need a shock, nearly all will require CPR to increase the flow of oxygenated blood to the heart and brain.



Please follow this link for guidance on how to use the defibrillator <http://youtu.be/PaxwHxEuiN8>

We pray that the defibrillator never has to be used but if access is required it is located outside the village hall in a locked cabinet. The code to release it from the cabinet is **C159X**.

The defibrillator will now be checked on a weekly basis to make sure that it is in full working order. I have created a check sheet that will be located in the cabinet this will be signed weekly and if any issues occur they will be noted.