

KEYHAM NEWS

Diary Dates

March:

- 21st WI Mindfulness Hungarton Village Hall 7:30pm
22nd Village Hall Management Committee AGM
Village Hall 7:30 pm

April:

- 19th Parish Meeting – Village Hall 7:30pm

Church Services

March:

- Sunday 6th March** – Mothering Sunday – 9am Holy Communion (Hungarton)
Sunday 13th March – 5th Sunday of Lent – 9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)
Sunday 20th March – Palm Sunday
No service in Hungarton and Keyham;
Billesdon 11am Holy Communion (Beginning at 10.45 outside the Primary School for the Palm Sunday Parade);
6pm J Stainer 'The Crucifixion' (Billesdon)
Monday 21st March – Holy Week
7pm simple spoken Compline (**Keyham**)
Tuesday 22nd March – Holy Week
7pm simple spoken Compline (Hungarton)
Wednesday 23rd March – Holy Week
7pm simple spoken Compline (Skeffington)
Maundy Thursday 24th March – 7pm Holy Communion with optional foot washing (Billesdon)
Good Friday 25th March – 10.30am Service for All Ages, followed by Hot Cross Buns (Billesdon);
2pm Service of words and music (Skeffington);
2pm Evening service for Good Friday (Hungarton)
Easter Day Sunday 27th
9am Holy Communion (Hungarton);
9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**);
11am All Age Communion (Billesdon)

Church Flower Rota

March:

- 6th LENT
14th LENT
20th LENT
27th EASTER SUNDAY: Joint effort please

April:

- 3rd Margaret Witcomb
10th Margaret Witcomb
17th Vicky Rosevear
24th Vicky Rosevear

Sandra

CROQUET NEWS

USA (popn. C. 300 million) **3**
KEYHAM, UK (popn. C. 100) **4**

We thought that KN readers might like to know about our recent victory over the USA. Whilst on a road-trip in January from Miami to Atlanta, Mr & Mrs Ed took on and beat the USA team from Jekyll Island, Georgia.



John & Margaret for Keyham (av. age 59 yrs 11 months)



Rudy & Jay for USA (av. age 95 yrs 11 months)

A big thank-you to the folks at Jekyll Island Croquet Club for making us so welcome and letting us play on their beautiful lawn.

John & Margaret

.....remember the **Keyham Croquet 21st Party**

.....is on **SATURDAY 25th of JUNE**

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 22nd March at 7:30 pm. This meeting is primarily for Committee Members but other Keyham residents are most welcome especially if they would like to join our committee (which is getting a bit short on numbers).

John Hughes, Chairman

Keyham Petanque Club AGM

Keyham Petanque Club held its AGM on 24th February. The Club's First Team continues to be Leicestershire's top club having won the County League for the third time in six seasons. Tim Kirkpatrick (Keyham's No. 1 Gardener) won the Don Hatton Trophy in the end of season competition.

John Hughes, Secretary

Village Hall Project Update

Supported by

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The Village Hall upgrade project rumbles on. The kitchen and ladies toilet floors are now fixed, the new back door is fitted and the electrics in the kitchen have been upgraded. Next step include: skimming the kitchen walls, covering the kitchen and toilet floors, installing the new kitchens units and equipment and, finally, redecorating. We then have to decide what to do with the back wall if the budget can extend that far.

John Hughes, Chairman

Keyham Bridge Club:

"The Friendly Way to Play Bridge"

At a recent Monday afternoon session the following asides were heard....

"I don't want to rub it in, but you've scored NIL points so far"
"I'm NEVER playing with you again"

Seriously though, Keyham Bridge is a very friendly and informal environment in which players of varying abilities can enjoy the game without too much pressure. We play once a fortnight on Monday afternoons. If you would like to join us please let us know.

Many thanks to Margaret & David for hosting sessions whilst the Village Hall is closed.

John & Margaret

March Article

Greetings to you all.... I have been back for some time but as Rev'd Felix is now on placement elsewhere for February and March I have returned to the magazine page also.

March this year brings Mothering Sunday on the 6th and I was reflecting on the human response to mothers (being both a daughter and a mother myself). I found the following reflection on what we think of our mother at different ages which was both amusing and poignant:

4 Years Of Age - My Mummy can do anything

8 Years Of Age - My Mum knows a lot! A whole lot about everything

12 Years Of Age - My Mother doesn't really know quite everything

14 Years Of Age - Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either

16 Years Of Age - Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned

18 Years Of Age - Mother? That old woman? She's way out of date

25 Years Of Age - Mother? Well, she might know a little bit about it

35 Years Of Age - Before we decide, let's get Mum's opinion

45 Years Of Age - Wonder what Mum would say?

65 Years Of Age - Wish, I could talk it over with Mum

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, our own Mothers, present or remembered, perhaps we might also reflect on the ancient tradition of returning to our Mother Church, the idea of a Sunday when lots of us come home to our village church is a delight which doesn't happen so much now but as I read that piece above I wondered if we might say something similar about how our thoughts about Mother church might change as we get older.

Rev'd Alison

KEYHAM LOOKALIKES (#10)



Stanfield (Mr. Softee)



Sellick (Magnum)

No further explanation needed.

No “strange twist of fate”; no “distance relative”; make no mistake, these two are identical twins!

Mr. & Mrs Ed

LAST MONTH’S LOOKALIKE: KEITH WOOD AND GEORGE FORMBY

Last month’s “Lookalike” victim, Keith Wood, tells KN that he once met George Formby and his formidable wife Beryl in Blackpool.

I’ll let Keith tell the full story.....

A Short Happening

On 6th July 1952 “Her Gracious Majesty” required my attendance at one of her military academies. After 6 weeks of basic training I was sent to RAF Kirkham just outside Blackpool for 3 months. Great!

On Saturday nights a colleague and I would go, as you do, into Blackpool for entertainment.

As we both had a bent for old-time dancing we found the Palace Ballroom (directly behind The Tower) was the place to be.

Jack and I found ourselves a bit out of our depth, everyone was in evening dress and we in uniform! The few (young) girls were all with their beaus and all others were at least 65; mostly well over! However, we were made welcome.

At half-time the Wurlitzer was played and we would retire to the balcony to smoke our cigars purchased from the shop opposite.

One of the older couples, an old sea captain and his wife, befriended us and gave us the best (Cuban) cigars I have ever smoked; delightful!

This couple invited us to a friend’s part at the Metropole Hotel, no less. We still had to wear uniform at all times so as everyone else wore smart dress we kept ourselves out of the way.

To our surprise, who was at both parties? None other than George Formby and his wife, Beryl. We also had a fleeting glimpse of Diana Dors.

George performed a number of his songs but with very different lyrics to those heard on the radio!

Happy days!

Keith

HELEN’S PLANTS AT THE PADDOCKS, HUNGARTON

Another gardening season is underway, in spite of the gale force winds and the deluge from above!

Once again we are looking forward to seeing old and new customers when you come to fill any gaps in your borders and beds.

Please support our plant stall opening mid-March as it raises quite a substantial amount for local charities.

Wishing you good gardening.

Helen and Michael

KEYHAM BOOKWORM'S MONTHLY READ THE FALKLANDS INTERCEPT - CRISPIN BLACK

Authors typically fall into two categories - those whose research is meticulous and those who base their writing on actual experience. Crispin Black is an exciting new author who very much belongs to the latter category. Some KN readers may well have read his first book "7/7 The London Bombings - What Went Wrong", a no holds barred account of the intelligence failures in the run up to the London bombings of 2005. Never one to pull punches as a journalist he wrote of George W Bush and Tony Blair "cooking the intelligence books on both sides of the Atlantic" as far as the invasion of Iraq in 2003 was concerned.

So who is Crispin Black? A very distinguished military career saw him command a platoon in the Falklands and then serve three tours in Northern Ireland with one of his roles being Intelligence Officer in Republican West Belfast. He then went on to specialise in Intelligence and received an MBE for his work during the breakup of Yugoslavia. His final role was as Intelligence Adviser to the Prime Minister, The Joint Intelligence Committee and COBRA. Little wonder therefore that on leaving the Army he embarked on a very successful career in journalism and television covering intelligence and terrorist related matters.

The Falklands Intercept is his first venture into fiction and is a highly credible effort. The plot revolves around the mysterious death of the Head of British Military Intelligence in Cambridge University the night before he was due to give a controversial lecture on Scott's expedition to Antarctica. The UK's National Security Adviser Lady Nevinson asks her trusted investigator Daniel Jacot to look into the suspicious death and what follows is a highly readable tale which takes Jacot to the Falklands to revisit his ghosts from the war with the Argentinians. Black's knowledge of Cambridge, where he graduated, the Falklands and the work of the Intelligence services in London shines through. The tale cleverly links the Scott v Amundsen race to the South Pole, the Falklands war, the inner workings of Cambridge University and the rivalry between the Intelligence services of the UK, US and France. All in all an excellent effort which will appeal to any KN readers who like the spy genre and Bookworm now keenly awaits any follow up by Black.

Price - Amazon have the paperback at £7.99 excl p&p with the Kindle version at £4.29. Waterstones have the paperback at £7.99 incl p&p and their download is £5.99.

Bookworm

A LITTLE BIT MORE OF KEYHAM HISTORY

A Keyham resident recently passed these three photographs to Mr Ed. They are from the sixties and feature a fashion show in our Village Hall.

A bottle of wine to the reader who can name the most people in the photographs. Residents featured in any photograph are not eligible to enter this competition; so go and seek them one of them out and get them to help you.



Ed

Parish News

Housing Developments in Scraftoft

There is some speculation about the potential relocation of Scraftoft Golf club to Houghton with the subsequent development of the land for housing. Currently there is insufficient information or facts to comment any further but a further update will follow in next month's KN.

Highways

Pot holes on the bend on Keyham Lane have been filled in. As far as I'm concerned we are now up to date on the pothole front, however, if you think differently please bring it to my attention. White line painting still is still outstanding.

Village Housekeeping

Roads swept and drains all cleared out this month. Please let me know if you believe there are still problems with overflowing drains.



Parish/Village Meeting

Please put Tuesday April 19th 7.30pm in your diaries for the Annual Parish Meeting. Agenda to follow in the next edition of KN

What moved it?

I often walk down Hungarton Lane and stop at the bridge to see if I can see any Kingfishers or whether any fly tipping has taken place in the brook (from the sublime to the horrendous). Recently I looked over the west side and saw what appeared to be a Muntjac carcass deep in the undergrowth. My initial thoughts were that it had maybe been hit by a car and the driver had thrown the carcass over the bridge. Two or three days later I had another look and the carcass was gone. There was no trace whatsoever, which I found strange. Normal predators/scavengers would have eaten it in situ, you might have thought, as it would almost certainly be too big for a fox or badger to drag off. So do we have something larger at large that may have initially killed it and then come back later to retrieve the body? Keep your eyes open!

Tony Johnson, Chairman of Keyham Parish Meeting

The Monster

Where is the perfect passion
In terror's awesome trials,
Spirit's desecration
Of the sanctity of life,
Evil satisfactions
Bind and break the subject
With only self in mind.

This cannot be for god
Or the innocent in kind.

New World

What is our reality?
Within a memory
Flying was a dream,
Atoms uninvited
And binary a fiction,
Now scientific finery
Sets to shape our world
Into unseen ages
Where a new reality
Ignores the rank confusions
Of our human mind;
Will that actuality
Walk with our eccentric kind?

The News

(dedicated to Aubrey Newman)

History accumulates
Much like layers of paint
With colours seeping through,
Then prevailing news
Covers crack and crevice
To smooth the current surface
For that lick of point,
With emulsified emotions
As a final dressing
In colours we can bear,
The true unvarnished story
Being let to history.

Oddly

Keyham News Deadline for April Edition

The deadline for KN April edition is
Wednesday 30th March
All articles and photographs to
The Lodge or jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

Broadband in Keyham

As promised in KN February, here is an update from the potential providers of Superfast Broadband to Keyham:-

HERBS:-

The service is now completed through to Keyham and you have four business users connected using our temporary broadband supply while we await the main fibre supply. We are still waiting for BT/Openreach to complete the last few metres to be able to connect us. This has been going on for many weeks and is very frustrating.

However, the temporary service is working and enabling us to complete and test all links in the network which is all useful, along with providing a service to those 45 businesses connected to date who are receiving around 30Mbs download and 15Mbs upload which varies a little during the day as it is a temporary supply - but significantly better than we have experienced for the last few years!

We are anxious for the extra capacity to enable us to connect another 100 plus customers who have been waiting patiently for which we are appreciative. Unfortunately try as we do, several times a week, we still cannot get a completion date from BT.

The HERBS team would like to thank Richard Windle, church warden, who has been a key helper in achieving this. His work with the application to the Diocese Committee has been crucial.

Superfast Leicestershire/BT Project:-

Keyham is part of our Superfast Extension Programme which commences delivery this summer through to the end of 2017. I cannot tell you where Keyham is within that time frame at present as BT are still modelling the phasing of this programme. As soon as we have that information we will update the interactive map on the Superfast Leicestershire website. Apologies we do not have any detailed information for your newsletter.

Perhaps the four business users now using HERBS would like to share their experiences with Keyham News?

John Hughes

Hungarton Playground Project Tesco Grant Opportunity

The Children's playground in Hungarton is a much valued and appreciated asset to the village and also the surrounding local neighbourhood.

However, the play equipment it is now over 25 years old and in need of replacement. As most residents will be aware, a project was commenced last year to raise the required funds for its renewal. We are now at the stage where our grant applications have been submitted and we are waiting for the outcome of these with a view to commencing work later this year.

One of these grants has just been confirmed as successful, our application to Tesco's Bags of Help Initiative. They have teamed up with Groundwork an environmental charity to support projects such as ours which enhance the environment or local community. The money is coming from Tesco's £11.5 Million carrier bag charge fund.

The grant we will receive from Tesco's will be £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000 the size of our grant will be decided by local public vote and it is for this reason that I have forwarded this email to you.

From this coming **Saturday 27th February** until **Sunday 6th March** customers shopping at Tesco will be provided with a token in order to vote for one of three local projects. The £12,000 grant will be awarded to the project with the most overall votes. £10,000 and £8,000 will be awarded to the projects coming second and third.

It would therefore be really appreciated if you could consider shopping at Tesco's during this period and casting your vote for Hungarton Recreation Ground. The local Tesco stores where customers can vote for our project are: Tesco Extra at Hamilton (The large superstore), Tesco Express Granby Street, Tesco Express Humberstone, Tesco Express Belgrave Gate, Tesco Express Welford House, Tesco Melton Road, Tesco Extra Beaumont Leys and Evington Metro.

As the Tesco ad line goes "Every extra helps" and your vote could be the deciding factor which decides the level of grant we receive.

David Palmer

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HUNGARTON & KEYHAM W.I.NEWS

FEBRUARY MEETING: How relaxing to sip and taste tea with Anna Stasinska, “Designer Tea Lady. Camellia sinensis is the plant grown commercially, in China, Japan India and to somewhat smaller degree even grown in England! Anna brought along a collection of very pretty teapots and cups which she used to infuse the different teas for tasting. We listened of Anna’s visits to different tea estates in China and Japan, meeting owners and workers, watched as they plucked the tips of the bushes so as not to bruise the leaves, learnt about the culture of tea including how special the tea ceremonies are. We tasted or should I say slurped, “Royal Afternoon Tea” (a high quality large leaf blend), “Rose Congou” (black tea blended with rose petals), Darjeeling (mid-season Darjeeling from Goomtee Tea estate) and “Gun Powder”! Unlike its name suggests is a gentle green tea. Its name reflects the way it looks, rather than the way it tastes. During the production the tea leaves are rolled into tight pellets which look like lead shot or gun-powder! The first tea was exported from China and served in the London coffee houses in the 1660’s and would have been a green tea similar to Gun-powder and was sold in the UK for a price equivalent to £160 per 100 grams! Black tea took over from green tea in popularity in the late 18th century. Today tea is drunk all over the world. Depending in what country and region it is grown gives an individual taste so the tea tasters from the tea estates, who have finely tuned pallets decide which country in the world a particular flavoured tea would be most popular. What an industry! Apparently we drink 165 million cups of tea a day in the UK alone. Anna is passionate about tea, creating her own blends, making tea and presenting teas. Her mission is to share her love of tea with anyone who would care to listen and slurp with her and she thanked us for doing just that! Visit Anna Stasinska’s “Old Brickyard Tea Garden” at Eastwell Road, Scalford, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4ST.



MARCH MEETING: Monday 21st Hungarton Village Hall, 7:30pm. Subject MINDFULLNESS. Speaker CHRIS HEATH.

APRIL MEETING: April 18th in Hungarton Village Hall 7:30pm. There are W.I. members who have visited some amazing places recently so we are all going to share their experiences through photographs.

HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW 7TH JULY: The coach seats are £14.00. Entrance into show £22.50. A £20.00 deposit is required on booking please. Made payable to Hungarton & Keyham W.I. Contact Marie Lloyd on 01162595672 or email marie@fmlloyd.plus.com Have an enjoyable day out. No driving worries and picked up locally. Can't be bad.

Marie Lloyd (President)

Making More of the WI

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of Defibrillators

The training session organised by the WI with the expert assistance of Dr Liz Morrison in The Coachhouse on 8th February was a success. About a dozen participated including people from Hungarton, Keyham, Billesdon and Tilton. A 10 year old granddaughter of a member persevered and succeeded with CPR to her great delight. Hungarton has an 'open access' Defibrillator machine in the old village telephone box. This and training mannequins were provided by the Heart Foundation with funding by the Dept. of Health and demonstrated at the session. However it seems that due to high demand, applications for Defibs are now closed. So it may be necessary to source new finance. I know that the other aforementioned villages hope to obtain the item. Nevertheless up-to-date training in CPR is the starting point. There have been changes and now faster pumping is required and it is preferable if this can be shared over the period required for resuscitation. CPR techniques can be taught easily by competent persons without equipment but it ought to be possible to borrow the 'mannequins' by arrangement to ensure the best training. Go for it!

Still on health issues, have a look at the topic of our next WI meeting

Hungarton Village Hall, 7.30pm on Monday 21st March. Our resourceful programme organiser Karen Holmes is right on trend booking Chris Heath to give us an **Intro to Mindfulness**. Tom Whipple Science Editor of The Times reported a few days ago on the latest study by scientists at an American University. This apparently demonstrated differences in the way the brains worked on those who had been on a mindfulness course compared with those that had been on a general relaxation course designed to seem like mindfulness but employed none of its major principles. Scans and blood tests were taken and the repeated 4 months later with the same results, more activity in a part of the brain associated with stress, and the level of a blood marker called IL-6, which is associated with stress, remaining lower in those who had undergone mindfulness training. The trendy relaxation technique involves taking note of your conscious experience in a series of exercises that mix meditation with western cognitive behavioural therapy. Advocates claim that it combats stress, worry and even serious mental health problems. Another (simpler) description is that mindfulness meditation involves focusing on the intake and outtake of breath. And that if you find that this type of meditation helps you stay calm and focused, it's a practice you can use whenever and wherever. The Independent quotes Redling in Quora: "You're going to experience A LOT of stress over your lifetime, so it's best to learn how to effectively deal with it as soon as possible. One of, if not, the best ways is through meditation. Take a class, read a book, or do some research on the basics, and make it part of your life." Tom Whipple is a journalist, hopefully an accurate reporter on his area of interest. I am not a scientist and he may not be one either. But come and hear what the practitioner of the techniques says. Chris Heath should be fun. He claims to be passionate about 'Life is 4 Living'.

Our WI meeting is an open one and all are welcome. Visitors pay a fee of £4. Ladies, why not join us and be part of our amazing National Organisation? You'll make good friends; just attend when you can. Apart from our monthly meeting, there are many more opportunities in Leics & Rutland and Nationally. **In March**, we have members (& husbands) going to another of our County linkups with Leicester University on **Science Question Time 'Good Vibrations'** - Why do cars not vibrate – come and find out how engineers control vibration in a variety of places and everyday objects (£6.50). Several members are going to a **Group Social Meeting in Ashby Folville** - catch-up, good speaker and supper (£6) - and one is spending a **NFWI day taught by Inst Adv Motorist professionals**, variety of workshops and driving sessions (£35). That's just this month!

The WI is what YOU make of it.

Sue Scutt, Hungarton