

KEYHAM NEWS

Diary Dates

May:

- 16th WI: Resolutions Meeting 7:30pm
Hungarton
21st Queen's 90th Birthday celebration
Keyham Church, 3.30pm (see below)

June:

- 11/12th NGS: The Paddocks Hungarton (see p. 5)
25th Keyham Croquet 21st Party

Church Services

May:

- Sunday 1st 9am Holy Communion
(Hungarton)
Sunday 8th 9am Holy Communion
(Keyham)
Sunday 15th Pentecost Sunday
5pm Compline (Hungarton)
Sunday 22nd Trinity Sunday
5pm Compline (Keyham)

Church Flower Rota

May:

- 1st Claire Windle
8th Claire Windle
15th Mair Mitchell
22nd Mair Mitchell
29th Elizabeth Henderson

June:

- 5th Julie Emberton
12th Julie Emberton
19th Maureen Podesta
26th Maureen Podesta

Sandra

QUEEN AT 90 – TEA PARTY

Reminding you all of our village get together on the 21st May at 3:30 to celebrate the above – and indeed several others in the village who will be enjoying a special birthday this year.

Bring and share (sandwiches and cakes please) in the Church and surrounding garden (as Village Hall out of action). Flower ladies – a small posy would be most welcome in your usual place for this day. No church service will be held – just a happy coming together and sharing. Hopefully someone will look after the weather for us! Hope to see you.

Christine & Mary

KEYHAM OPEN GARDENS 2017: Date Set

As announced at the Parish Meeting, Keyham Open Gardens 2017 will take place on....

**Saturday 24th June 2017
& Sunday 25th June 2017**



Please plan your holidays and weekend activities so that you are around to join in and help.

If you are intending to open your garden please start planning now. It is also time to start thinking about getting some plants ready for Elizabeth's Plant Stall.

Further news will follow in KN over the next few months.

John & Margaret, Event Organisers

Parish News

Parish Meeting: Many thanks to those of you that attended, particularly the newer members of the village. I hope everyone found it interesting and informative.

Keyham Looking Good: One of the topics we discussed was how we are going to maintain Keyham and its environs looking at their best. (I mentioned a number of areas in last month's Keyham News). A number of attendees agreed that they would be happy to volunteer some of their time to carry out some of these tasks. If you would like to confirm this by contacting me via email or on 494 we can then decide on who will do what. Thanks in anticipation.

New Website: The existing web site will have all support removed as from August. As discussed at the meeting I said that I would send you a couple of examples of the websites that the company I have chosen has developed. The first one is what is called a classic set up which will give us pretty much what we have today:

<http://www.broughton-astley.gov.uk/>

The second one is called custom and gives you more flexibility when it comes to the appearance etc:

<http://www.newtownlinford.org.uk/>

Personally, I would favour the custom set up and will go for that unless I have sufficient feedback to the contrary.

Tony Johnson

KEYHAM CROQUET: Saturday June 25th

Applications for this event will be sent out by email very soon.

Simply reply to the email and answer the questions therein. Entry fees by cash or cheque (payable to "Keyham Village Hall Management Committee") to The Lodge.

John & Margaret Hughes

Zummerzet Newz

First day mowing for "Scrumpy Jim"!



The terrace looks good for Cream Teas; not sure about Croquet on that lawn yet, Jim! Keep mowing.

Village Hall Renovation

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



As many of you will have observed at the Parish Meeting, the work at the Village Hall is progressing well. A completion date of late June is now predicted.

**John Hughes,
Chairman KVHMC**

Whit Sunday or Pentecost?

Both actually! Pentecost is also known as Whitsunday.

Pentecost comes from the Greek word for 50 and so Pentecost Sunday is 50 days after Easter (including Easter Sunday itself), Pentecost is a Jewish festival which has much in common with our Harvest festival type celebrations and of course it was that festival that the disciples were preparing to celebrate when the book of Acts tells us the Holy Spirit descended like 'tongues of fire', there was the sound of a great wind, Peter preached and thousands became Christians that day.

It's for this reason that Pentecost in the Christian church is celebrated as the Birthday of the church.

So.....Why did it used to be Whitsunday?

Possibly the name comes from the Old English "White Sunday," because this was a day when people were traditionally baptised and those being baptised would put on white robes as a sign of their new start in life, just as Christening robes (or a new set of clothes) remain popular when people are baptised today. Days which were popular for Baptising converts to Christianity were Easter, Pentecost and All Saints Day.

The other suggestion is that 'Whitsunday' comes from 'Wisdom Sunday' as in Christian tradition the Holy Spirit is viewed as the Wisdom of God who gives Wisdom to Christians. In other parts of the world Pentecost is called by other names such as 'Green Sunday' in the Ukraine and 'Green holiday' in Poland, probably this is due to the Pentecost custom of taking green plants into homes and churches as a sign of new life, a sort of mix from the Jewish harvest festival theme of Pentecost and the Easter theme of new life with Eggs and Spring flowers.

Whichever it is Wisdom or White it is the birthday of the Church with a focus on God who gives wisdom and enables the church to serve their community. From that first Pentecost Christian communities grew up to be places where the poor and alone were cared for and where those who loved God also loved one another.

My prayer this Pentecost is that the church of the 21st Century also continues that tradition of serving those who need it most and working within our communities to be not only a beautiful building but a beautiful family of people who welcome all who choose to walk through the doors caring for everyone regardless of whether they are able to come on a Sunday or not.

Revd Alison

PS Thank you to everyone who sponsored us for our 360 mile walk in the summer, we have collected all the money now and are pleased to say, we raised just over £900 for the project in India (more news on that when the young people return in August this year) and the same for the Reality youth bus project working with young people here in Leicestershire. We were all so pleased.

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KEYHAM LOOKALIKES (#12)

It is with a heavy heart that we make this our final “Keyham Lookalike” (at least until somebody sends in a good suggestion!). We couldn’t bring our fabulously popular feature to an end without including Keyham’s top “celebrity-watcher”. Mr & Mrs Ed have argued long and hard about who most closely resembles Peter. Perhaps you can help us by voting for your choice? Send your votes to the usual place.

1. Seasick Steve (Hobo and American Singing Sensation)
2. Robin Windsor (Strictly Come Dancing Star)
3. Pep Guardiola (Top Soccer Manager)



Seasick Steve



Pigsick Pete



Peter



Robin



Peter



Pep

Mr. & Mrs Ed

Village News

KN is aware that a number of our readers have been unwell recently. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Mr & Mrs Ed

The Giraffe

This stilted geometry,
Its arch an ambulant
Of sloping, loping gait,
A ballet dance of balance
In rolling equilibrium,
Heightens its horizons
To browse the brazen days,
Eschewing all but leaves
Which rubber lips elasticate
In a voracious graze,
Then takes the waters of the day
At a nearby drinking place,
When it is heard to call
“The highballs are on me”.

Oddly

Chance or Choice

Have I the right to be
Or is it circumstance?

Is my twist of time
A foregone fate
Or did I have a choice
To learn to weep,
Sustain ecstasies
And sense the black abyss,
To feel faith and frailty
In scaling heights and depths
For knowledge of myself?

Is this then the substance
Of being human kind?

Oddly

KEYHAM BOOKWORM'S MONTHLY READ LIFE AFTER LIFE and A GOD IN RUINS by KATE ATKINSON

For over 20 years now Kate Atkinson has been one of Bookworm's favourite authors. Since she won the Whitbread (now Costa) prize in 1995 with Behind The Scenes At The Museum and followed this by introducing us to Jackson Brodie in Case Histories (KN readers may well remember Brodie being serialised by the BBC) her writing has been of a consistently high quality. It was no real surprise therefore when she won the Costa prize again in 2013 with Life After Life and once more in 2015 with A God In Ruins.

Whilst each book is a standalone work Bookworm would recommend KN readers look at both, starting with Life After Life. A God In Ruins is more of a companion to Life After Life than a sequel. Life After Life introduces us to the Todd family of Fox Corner and in particular Ursula Todd. In the first half of the 20th century Ursula is given the chance to live her life over again in many variations leading to differing outcomes. Relatively minor decisions prove to be the difference between life and death in what is a truly fascinating work. The characters will prove popular with KN readers as they move through two world wars and frequently you will be glad this chance to live life over again spares particular individuals in what is a well written, heart-warming work. An improbable plot made extremely readable by the skill of the author.

In A God In Ruins KN readers will quickly realise the main character Teddy is Ursula's younger brother Teddy. Bookworm will not spoil the plot by exploring Teddy's story in the first work but suffice to say it revolves around him being a bomber pilot in the Second World War and moves between this period, his childhood and post war life with his wife Nancy. This movement in time allows Atkinson to keep secrets about the main characters and only reveal them as a wonderful plot develops with ongoing twists that will keep the reader absolutely hooked.

It is always a pleasure to read Atkinson's work and these two novels are truly outstanding pieces of work with a broad appeal. Winning the Costa prize does not come to many and to win it three times is testimony to this exceptional talent. Any KN readers looking for a top quality read over the next month could do much worse than this delightful combination.

Amazon have both books on Kindle at £4.99 each with paperback being £3.85 for A God In Ruins and £5.19 for Life After Life excluding p&p. Waterstones have both at £4.99 each on their download system and £5.99 each in paperback incl. p&p.

As always happy reading!

Bookworm

LONDON MARATHON: A KEYHAM RUNNER

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored me for the Lullaby Trust (cot death charity) in this year's London marathon.

Completed in around 4 1/2 hrs and at time of writing am still alive. It was great fun for me to do, but clearly it meant a lot more for many runners - hearing some of the stories: (2 people at the Lullaby charity HQ running the marathon because they had cot deaths themselves; chatted to another person on the train who had MS who was supporting her brother who had run the race for the MS charity... they were only doing it to raise money to help their loved ones).

Thanks again

Paul



Being a shy boy, Paul declined my request for a photograph. However, a "well-wisher" sent us this image of Paul nearing the finish.

Well done Paul!

Ed

Keyham News Deadline for June Edition

The deadline for KN June edition is
Sunday 29th May

All articles and photographs to
The Lodge or

jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

The National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme (NGS) raises funds for nursing and caring charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and many others. Last year it raised £2,637,000; a truly magnificent sum.

***This year.....The Paddocks Main Street
Hungarton
Leicester
LE7 9JY
01162 595230***

..... is opening from 12 - 5pm on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June.

Refreshments, Light Lunches, Cakes, Tea and Coffee will be available from The Lifeboats who are raising funds for their own charity. Admission £4.00; Children Free. Please come and support these very worthy charities.

Helen & Michael Martin

SCRAPTOFT GOLF CLUB

This article was in the Leicester Mercury recently. It appears that Scraptoft residents are “up for a fight”

Concerns raised about proposal to relocate club and build houses

Golf course homes fear

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CONCERNS have been raised about proposals to relocate a golf course on the edge of Leicester and replace it with homes.

Officials at Scraptoft Golf Club are looking at moving from their course in Beeby Road due to “external development pressures” on it.

Leicester City Council owns part of the course, which it leases to the club.

The council has confirmed it has been approached by a developer which hopes to acquire its holdings, which are outside the city boundary in the Harborough district.

Councillor Peter Elliott, who represents Scraptoft on Harborough District Council, said: “We are a long way off this happening and I think the club is undecided about whether it wants to move but if the council wants its land back that would leave the club with a course which is no good to anybody.”

“A developer has asked if they would sell.

“Over the whole golf course, you could probably build 1,000 homes as it is a very big site.

“That would be a disaster for Scraptoft. The village would be swallowed up.

“It will lose its village character.”

Scraptoft resident Sheila Knott said: “It would be a terrible waste to build on the golf course. It has been there for nearly 100 years and is well landscaped.

“The city council will want to make all the money it can but it will be awful for the village.”

A city council spokesman said: “We’ve been contacted by developers interested in bringing together a number of land-owners in the area in order to submit proposals to Harborough District Council for inclusion in its local plan to meet housing needs.

“The principle of this could be beneficial but it is at a very early stage.”

The Mercury understands the club could move down the A47 to Houghton on the Hill.

The Mercury contacted the club for comment but has received no reply.

In a statement, the club said: “Ninety-five per cent of our members have voted in favour of exploring the potential for relocating the club.”

The club, which dates back to 1938, had a successful financial year in 2015 and, with a good number of new members, is committed to maintaining its focus on delivering a high-quality course and facilities to both members and guests.

“The management will continue to invest in the present course and facilities and are planning a £100,000 clubhouse refurbishment in 2016/17.

“Following the positive vote, the club, along with its promoter partners, will be exploring the potential for a relocation, and is excited about the potential to wholly own and control a larger new home should plans materialise.”

UNCERTAIN FUTURE: Scraptoft Golf Club is at the heart of a proposal to relocate the course

PICTURE: MARK SWELL

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HUNGARTON & KEYHAM W.I. NEWS

APRIL MEETING: They say travel broadens the mind. We certainly saw through photographs how different parts of the world look and how people live. Karen took us to Israel and Palestine. Ros took us to Chicago—New Orleans. Yvonne took us on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Penny took us to Syria.

Karen lived in S.W. Jerusalem for three years when her husband's job as Bureau Chief of Reuters newspaper took them there, in 1997. It was so interesting to see how people lived and worked amongst conflict. The houses, some so basic but made of the beautifully yellow stone, known as Jerusalem stone, still had that ancient biblical look about them. We saw photographs of Karen's own garden where she grew passion fruit and lemons, bougainvillea and cyclamen which incidentally is the national flower of Israel. There were photographs of a traditional Palestine wedding party with the bride wearing red and black, so beautiful and the whole party radiated happiness. Not all war zones of horror stories but Karen did say her children each day were driven to school by car because it was too dangerous to travel on buses!

Ros' photographs were music orientated. With a tour of where the Blues music originated. Elvis had to be mentioned and how he was influenced by this music. More macabrely we saw the place where Martha Luther King was shot. You couldn't visit this part of the world without talk of hurricane Catrina and still seeing the lasting dereliction of that event. Seeing the Mississippi river and enjoying a ride on the Mississippi paddle steamer and yes we saw a picture of an alligator who live in the river.

Penny visited Syria ten years ago with many of the photographs she took of the ancient ruins of temples which have stood for centuries have now sadly been destroyed by the I.S. We saw photographs of Danos, supposedly the oldest city in the world where both men and women have to cover up, head scarves on and no shorts to be worn and of course no alcohol to be consumed at all.

Yvonne's train journey took her across Siberia and back through Mongolia, Beishing and China. The Russian train was centrally heated but the Chinese train wasn't. Yvonne travelled at Christmas time and was able to photograph the beautifully decorated Christmas tree in Red Square. The air was clear and crisp in Russia but in China the air was noticeably polluted with smog. Yvonne found the people very friendly, especially helpful as she was a lady travelling alone. One fact amazingly before crossing from Russia into China the bogies on the train had to be changed because of the difference in rail gauge, can you imagine the carriages being uncoupled, lifted by scissor crane and lowered onto new bogies! There wasn't wild-life to photograph in Russia but in Mongolia there were sheep, goats, cows, yaks and the occasional vulture!

Thank you Ros, Karen Yvonne and Penny for inviting us to join you through photographs on your visits to such interesting parts of the world.

MAY MEETING: On the 16th; Resolutions & Poetry to make you smile with Joan Hands Hungarton Village Hall at 7:30pm. The short-listed resolutions are:-

"Avoid Food Waste, Address Food Poverty": The W.I. call on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food onto charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the U.K.

"Appropriate Care in Hospitals for People with Dementia": We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted to hospital.

JUNE MEETING: On 27th visit to Sue Blaxland's garden in Syston. Sue is a garden designer and is head of the research team at the Leicester & Rutland Garden Trust.

HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW: 7th July. The tickets are now all sold but if anyone is still interested in going please let me know and if anyone has to pull out there may be a ticket for you. The coach will pick-up from the War Memorial in Hungarton at 7.00 a.m. Please bring along your breakfast to eat on the coach. It is an early start but will surely help with destination time. We will leave London at 5.00 p.m. Both ways with a comfort stop. If you have any other questions please speak to me on 01162595672. Thank you.

JULY 18th: Tilton History Group, Jim Auterson VH 7:30 pm.

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