

KEYHAM NEWS



Gina and Joe: Getting Married on 20th October (see page 2)

Diary Dates

October:

- 6th Chimney Sweep
- 15th WI AGM: Hungarton Village Hall 7:30pm

Church Services

October:

- 7th 9am Holy Communion (Hungarton)
- 14th 9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)
- 21st 5pm Compline (Hungarton)
- 28th 6pm Compline (**Keyham**)

and..... 'Every Wednesday morning - 9:00-9:30 Morning Prayer - Keyham Church'. If anyone wants me to host a taize at 7pm any Sunday next month please let me know. **Paul Emberton**

Church Flower Rota

October:

- 7th Ros Atkin
- 14th Ros Atkin
- 21st Maureen Podesta
- 28th Maureen Podesta

November:

- 4th Sylvia Wood
- 11th Sylvia Wood
- 18th Claire Windle
- 25th Claire Windle

It's at this time we think about our Christmas dinner. It was very disappointing when we had to cancel last year. If anyone would like to host any part of our dinner, please let me know, as December is very busy we could fix a date in November.

Sandra

Chairman's Monthly Update: October

I hope you've all had a fantastic September.

Autumn is here and the village is looking beautiful, Maisy's enjoying herself playing in the fallen leaves and routing around for conkers, we've also been taking lovely walks in the sunshine across the fields.



A few updates for you:

I've finally got the official paperwork for the adoption of the village **telephone box**. I shall be looking to add the shelving and suggestions box over the next few weeks, if you have any books you would like to put in the telephone box please either drop them off at The Cottage or you can put them on the shelves yourself when its ready.



I will be organising a date to get the **benches** in the village revamped ready for winter, if anyone would like to help please let me know, many hands make light work.

The village **notice board** is looking rather shabby and unloved, I think it's time for a new one don't you? We don't have to have just plain wood we can choose a colour. Our options are Blue, Green, Grey or Red. Once the suggestion box in the phone box is up I would appreciate your thoughts on colour 😊

There's been one new planning application:-

Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of an annexe at Mayfield Barn, Main Street.

Quote of the month:

Autumn paints in colours that summers never seen.

Samantha

October

This month, we find pumpkins, skeletons, witches, ghosts and monsters galore... there's no escaping them in the run-up to the 31st October, as shop displays and even our own windows and doorsteps become host to some rather unusual guests.

Though easy to dismiss as consumerist, sugar-fuelled nonsense and/or a dangerous celebration of the occult, it turns out that what we now call Hallowe'en can still be a fascinating and meaningful holiday, if we look a little deeper to its roots.

The term 'holiday' literally means a Holy-Day. An interesting turnaround from what outwardly seems to be the most unholy of days! The modern "Hallowe'en" is a shortened form of "All Hallows Eve" – the eve of the feast of All-Saints (1st November), a celebration of all the Saints ("Saints" literally meaning "Holy People"). Traditionally the feast started at sunset on the night before – hence festivities beginning on All Hallows Eve.

This is a surprisingly old Christian festival, with traditions of holding a feast day for the Saints and martyrs dating from as early as the 4th Century AD. All Saints Day has been celebrated on the 1st November since Pope Gregory IV fixed the date in 837AD! Then on the 2nd November, follows the feast of All Souls – remembering all our loved ones who have died – people who we might like to think of as 'everyday Saints', remarkable in their own individual ways.

Festivals remembering those who have died are present in many cultures. A common theme of many is the idea that on this night, the boundary is thinner between this world and whatever might be beyond. All Hallows Eve invites us all to contemplate the mysterious, all things Holy – and in doing so, in a sense, we also cross that boundary.

In remembering our loved ones, they remain with us in our hearts, wherever we believe they may be now. In our awareness of our finite time on earth, we might be inspired to think more deeply about the meaning-of-life stuff... What is ultimately about? What happens next? What does it mean to me, if, according to the Bible, God is the ultimate boundary-crosser, who met us in the world in the person of Jesus, who rose from the dead, and still remains with us today in the Holy Spirit.

May your All Hallows Eve indeed be a holy one!

Revd Rosie

Two Weddings in October

We are excited to inform you that we will be celebrating our wedding on the 20th October 2018. The service will be held at St Luke's Church, Thurnby with the reception to follow at Keyham Village Hall. The hall will be being decorated throughout the week prior, feel free to pop in and say hi/take a look. We want to take this opportunity to reassure the village that volume of music and guests will be kept to a minimum and all entertainment will be off by 11pm. We are delighted that we are able to celebrate our special day within the beautiful village of Keyham.

Gina and Joe of 1, Charity Cottage

Emma and I are greatly looking forward to our forthcoming marriage on Saturday 27th October 2018 and are delighted to be able to have our ceremony in the beautiful little Keyham All Saints Church. We will be using the Village Hall after the service and we will endeavour to keep all noise and levels of music to a minimum, finishing at 11.00 p.m. Many thanks.

Steve and Emma (Podesta)

Chimney Sweep: 6th October

Your famous Chimney Sweep will "pass you by" if you don't call Keith on 2595620 or call in person to Plumtree Cottage to book an appointment. September 29th and 6th October are this year's dates.

DON'T LEAVE IT; BOOK IT NOW!

Keith

YOGA

I am still waiting for confirmation regards Yoga from Joanna. As you know from last month's edition of KN Keyham Charities are happy to fund the first 6 weeks but at present we only have 3/4 people interested. We really need at least 6 people (male or female) to make it viable for KC. If you would prefer the session in the morning say 10-11.30am I can ask Joanna the Yoga instructor if she has a morning free?

Samantha

Village News

Apologies to **Maria** who KN welcomed in its September edition. We reported that she is married to a builder's merchant in Melton. Maria tells us that this is not the case. Sorry Maria!

Congratulations to **Brian Atkin** who celebrated a significant birthday in September.

Many thanks for all of the goodwill messages regarding my recent surgery. The staff at Glenfield were wonderful and I was soon back home and under the strict care of Nurse Margaret. **John Hughes (aka Mr. Ed)**

Hungarton & Keyham WI

At our September meeting, we enjoyed a talk given by Cynthia McLauchlan about her trip to Seattle and to the town of Sisters, to visit a quilting convention. The small town, south of Seattle, is dominated by three snow covered volcanic peaks – the Three Sisters. Her photographs included wonderful scenes of the picturesque coastline, mountains and lakes of the Pacific North West of America. Also, there were pictures of the many quilts fashioned by the quilting guild of Sisters and their visitors from England. The very colourful design of the quilts was many and varied including geometric patterns, country scenes, wildlife and animals. Enjoying warm sunny weather, the town was bedecked with quilts of all sizes hanging from walls, trees and fences (see below). The skill and imagination of the quilters was inspiring. Thank you, Cynthia.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Monday 15th October, in Hungarton. We will be appointing our committee and, whilst enjoying cheese, pate and wine, we will be discussing our programme for next year. If anyone would like to join us, you'd be very welcome.

Penny Faulkner



The Sniper

[US Army slang for sniper is jar head]
That moment's pause, then squeeze
Not snatch at the trigger,
A flash and then the kill,
The sniper's consummation
Dismissing in an instant
Life into eternity.

Only real snipers
Have that moment's muse
And their resolve in murder
Has a cold contempt,
Setting them aside
In the lonely hell
Of their own hereafter.

Oddly

The Cottage: Aerial Photos

I purchased a recent photo of the village last year from a salesman at the door. A few weeks ago I was approached the same way but this time the photo was from the 1960's. I couldn't believe the difference! If anyone has any information about The Cottage or has any photos pre 1960's David and I would love for you to come round to The Cottage and tell us all you know; we will of course provide tea or wine dependant on the time of day! **Samantha**



Keyham's Glorious Summer: What did you do?

Kate Lansdale (Mayfield Farm) spent her summer treading the boards in open air theatre productions at National Trust, English Heritage and other lovely venues across the UK and Republic of Ireland. She was thankful for a (mostly) dry summer!

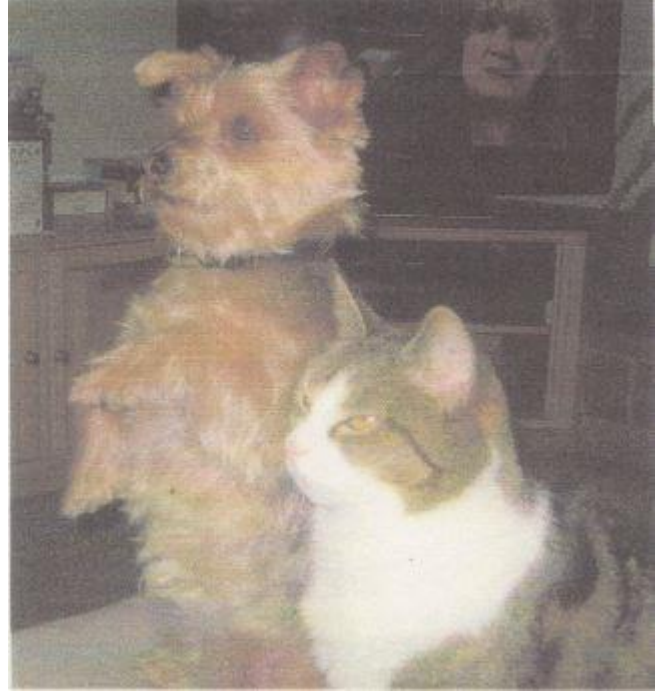


Age, it gets us all! David Hannah decided it was time to finally let go of his R8 (boy racer look) and has bought himself a new car. I think he's realised he's not 28 but 58 in few weeks' time. Hahaha!



To Rosie

[our Yorkshire Terrier
2.2.2002 at 2000hrs
to 28.8.2018 at 2200hrs]



She saw us through elations
and sad catastrophes
but never left her office
assigned by destiny,
the female of her species
as companion to man,
to feed in a community
with love for all around;

felix sis apud umbra [be happy in the shade]
optima Rosie [superlative Rosie]
sempar enim nobis cara [for to us you always were
the most noble dog]
canicule maque [with a heart so big]

Oddly

Keyham History

Celia Cotton (local historian and friend of Keyham News) has sent us some old newspaper clippings. We will share them with you over the next few months starting with the news of the Death of Mr. H.T. Hincks, Keyham Hall in 1939 (see p 5). The reproduction is not great but if you use your computer to zoom in then it should be readable. **Mr & Mrs Ed**

Fought Lord Haldane On Farmers' Behalf

DEATH OF MR. H. T. HINCKS, AUCTIONEER,
AGRICULTURIST AND HORSE BREEDER

AGRICULTURE in Leicestershire and throughout the country as a whole has lost a friend and stout champion in the death of Mr. Henry Thorpe Hincks, of Keyham Hall.

He was 78, and had been in indifferent health and pretty well confined to his room for the past two years.

LORD of the Manor of Keyham and principal landowner in the neighbourhood, he farmed until recent years some 700 acres there, and 2,000 acres in Berkshire, and he also had farming interests at Ilstock and Desford.

There was no doubting or disputing his knowledge of agriculture and its problems.



Mr. H. T. Hincks

As an expert, and a vigorous and courageous speaker attention was paid to his words and his advice was taken.

He was one of the first to champion agricultural credits and carried on his campaign up and down the country — the success of long and short term credits is now well appreciated.

Successful Battle

He tackled from many a platform the great Lord Haldane when he was Minister of War, demanding British beef for British soldiers when it was disclosed that the War Office were important buyers of frozen meat. Mr. Hincks made a success of that campaign too.

Whatever he put a hand to, Mr. Hincks was always a forceful and effective man. When the occasion called for it he was a most charming and witty after dinner speaker.

After some early farming experience Mr. Hincks started an auctioneering business in Leicester.

He was the first auctioneer in the new cattle market in Leicester when the move was made from the site at the Town Hall Square.

He was joined in this business by Mr. John Shakespear, and later Mr. Hincks started another auctioneering business at Shefford. That was really the beginning of Shefford market.

Many Winners

He was well known as a breeder of bloodstock, and reared at Keyham horses that have won considerable reputation on the turf, particularly under National

Hunt Hides. He has won many races and bred principally for sale.

One animal bred by Mr. Hincks is the crack steeplechaser, *Rightam*, a favourite animal with spectators because of his hearty galloping, and who was a winner at the last Leicester meeting. Mr. Hincks sold the gelding to Mrs. A. E. Phillips shortly after he had won the Southville Steeplechase over the Oadby track in 1931, and his many successes since include the Leicestershire Steeplechase and the Scottish Grand National. *Rightam* is engaged in the Wymondlebury Steeplechase at Oadby to-morrow.

Another well-known performer bred by him is *Fright Armour*, a mare who has won many hurdle races, and has also scored on the flat. *Downright*, who is amongst the entries for the Grand National, was also bred by Mr. Hincks at Keyham, and this winner was eventually transferred to Mr. J. Seely.

Rightam and *Downright* are now trained by W. H. Hurrell at Aslockton, in Nottinghamshire.

Services to Farmers

When he gave up his auctioneering interests he devoted himself to farming on a bigger scale, and became an active worker for various farmers' societies.

He was a member of the Leicester Chamber of Agriculture at the time of his death. He was the first chairman of the executive of the Leicestershire Farmers' Union, holding the office 21 years ago, having played an important part in the formation of that body. He was a director and had been one of the founders of the National Farmers' Union Insurance Society, and naturally he was closely associated with the Leicestershire Agricultural Society.

He was a life member and the oldest serving member of the Council of the Society.

Mr. Hincks was also a member of the Surveyors' Institute and had for many years been connected with the Midland Counties' Tenant-rights' association.

For a considerable time Mr. Hincks was a member of the Billisdon R.D.C., and also a guardian and chairman of Keyham Parish Council.

He was until a few years ago a regular supporter of cricket, but the ruling passion of his life was horses. He was an enthusiast in every branch of horse-breeding, both agricultural and sporting.

When he rode 13 hounds—a keen and regular follower of the Quorn—he was looked upon as one of the best heavy-weights in the field.

"The Interview"

A few weeks ago Geoff and Sue suggested a new, regular feature for KN; "The [Keyham New] Interview". Here is the first, and where better to start than with Mr & Mrs Ed.

John and Margaret Hughes moved to Keyham 27 years ago. Margaret was born in Leicester and lived for many years in Evington; John is a less posh Markfield lad. For the last 7 years John and Margaret have been joint editors of Keyham News. They took over the editorship from Sue Letts and changed the format from printed, bound and distributed by hand, to the electronic medium that the publication (largely) uses today.

Why move to Keyham? We were looking for a quiet village with a nice pub in East Leicestershire.

Favourite Keyham News edition? John: The Leicester City lookalikes edition (August 2016). Matt Wheeler was delighted that his lookalike was Jamie Vardy!
Margaret: Editions where people write in spontaneously with their memories of old Keyham.

Any embarrassing moments? Margaret: I think perhaps, putting a comma at the end of each line of an "Oddly" poem was a faux pas. John: Any grammatical mistakes; the apostrophe police are out there!

Who was the Keyham Bookworm? Steve Mitchell; easy really when you looked at the evidence.

Any problems? Preparing the few non email printed copies of KN can be time consuming, but we are nonetheless very happy to do this for those without access to the internet.

What's it like having two Keyham Croquet Champions under one roof? Margaret: I try to be humble. John: I suffered for years [John finally won in 2017].

Proudest KN achievement? We have several international readers. Further, humble though it is, KN is nonetheless a valid, historical record of the life of this village.

What about a problem page? Fine. Prospective agony aunt or uncle can apply here.

What does KN need more of? Anything really. Residents lead the most interesting of lives; please tell us about them. It would be wonderful if younger residents joined in more. We would love to do a Fresher's Week Diary from young Keyham residents who are about to go to university.

Who would be the guests at your dream dinner party?

John: Leonard Cohen, JFK

Margaret: Henry Cecil, My Mum (so she can tell us what she did at Bletchley Park).

Who would play you in a movie of your life?

John: George Clooney, if only he was better looking.

Margaret: Sophia Loren, but in her prime!

What would be your number 1 Desert Island Disc, book and luxury?

John: Bob Dylan's Lily, Rosemary & the Jack of Hearts (still trying to work out what happened). I enjoyed very much the biography of Laurie Lee by Valerie Grove. My espresso machine

Margaret: Coles Corner by Richard Hawley. A Little Life by Hanya Yannagihara – dark and very harrowing at times but nonetheless totally absorbed by this book. Hair serum!

Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time? Hopefully still here and with the good health to enjoy more road trips across the United States.

Tell us a joke:

The local Doctor is asked to talk to the WI about "sex". Uncertain about how she might react, he tells his wife his talk is about "sailing". After the event the Chair of the WI bumps into the Doctor's wife and is full of praise regarding the talk and her husband's comprehensive knowledge. "That's strange" replies the wife, "he's only ever done it twice; the first time his hat blew off and the second time he got wet through"!

Next month: Sam and Dave

Geoff and Sue

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for

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Wednesday 31st October

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