

Diary Dates

October:

- 5th Chimney Sweep in Keyham
21st WI: AGM with Cheese & Wine
Hungarton Village Hall

November:

- 3rd Autumn Litter Pick 11am Bus Shelter
10th Remembrance Sunday 9:00am
Wat Memorial Hungarton

Church Services

October:

- 6th 9am Holy Communion (Hungarton)
13th PRISON SUNDAY 9am Holy Communion,
Guest preacher Revd Sarah – Prison Chaplain
(Keyham)
20th 5pm Compline (Hungarton)
27th 6pm Compline (Keyham)

Morning Prayers: Wednesdays at 9am

Taize Keyham style: Ad hoc Sunday evenings on request
– Paul

<https://www.facebook.com/keyhamchurch/>

Church Flower Rota

October:

- 6th Christine Hill*
13th Christine Hill*
20th Sylvia Wood*
27th Sylvia Wood*

November:

- 3rd Louise Flynn
10th Ros Atkin
17th Ros Atkin
24th Fiona Dowsett

*It may not be worth putting flowers in the Church until at least the end of October or until the plasterers have finished. Please check.

I hate to mention Christmas will soon be upon us. As previous years if anyone is willing to host any part of our popular Christmas meal please get in touch.

Sandra

Chairman's Monthly Update: October



Anna Viggers takes over as Parish Meeting Chairman from Samantha Hannah

Election of new Village Chairman meeting:

I'd like to thank all the villagers that attended the meeting and for voting in the new village Chairman Anna Viggers last night. I'd like to express my delight when a majority vote was counted and our village was saved once again keeping our lovely village in the hands of the villagers. I shall be sad to pass over the reins over the coming month but I know I shall be securing the village into safe hands. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank you all for allowing me the chance to represent you over the last 16 months. The minute of the meeting will be available to view on the village website.

Keyham Conservation Committee:

If you have a passion for what's happening regards development in and around the village then why not join the KCC and make a difference, we are still looking for new members.

Street cleaning:

The roads will be having the quarterly clean this month on the 21st so please try and keep the roads as clear as possible.

Fly tipping:


We have had yet another spate of fly tipping around us not only on the roads but on farmers' fields, please do report any one you see or suspect of fly tipping to the relevant council dependant on the road it is on.

Chairman's Monthly Update (cont)

Planning applications and decisions:

[Dead, dying diseased tree.](#) 

Cottage Farm Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ
Ref. No: 19/01559/DDD | Validated: Thu 26 Sep 2019 | Status:
Pending Consideration

[Erection of front porch to replace existing porch canopy
\(Revised scheme of 19/00627/FUL\)](#) 

4 Kings Lane Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JP
Ref. No: 19/01472/FUL | Validated: Thu 12 Sep 2019 | Status:
Pending Consideration

[Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and
associated works \(all matters reserved\)](#)

Tanglewood Snows Lane Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JS
Ref. No: 19/00013/REFUSE | Received: Mon 04 Mar
2019 | Status: Appeal Dismissed

[Installation of a mobile home for a temporary worker's
dwelling and erection of an agricultural building \(revised
scheme of 18/02051/FUL\)](#)

Dandelion Farm Ingarsby Road Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JU
Ref. No: 19/00949/FUL | Validated: Tue 18 Jun 2019 | Status:
Approved

If you wish to make known your concerns or approval of any
application you can do so at:

[www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-onplanning-
applications](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/view-and-comment-onplanning-applications)

Chimney sweep:

A big thank you to Keith for organising with precision yet again
the yearly village chimney sweep.

Simply thank you:

I would like to thank John and Margaret for all they do for the
village, some we see and yet so much is done behind the
scenes.

My final Quote of the month:

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end"

Samantha 😊

<https://www.keyhamparish.org.uk/>

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2019

The Remembrance Service will begin at the
War Memorial in Hungarton at 9.00am

There will be time for the implantation of
small wooden crosses after the poppy
wreaths have been laid

There must be many families who lost
relatives in conflict and the wooden crosses
can bear the names of these

The service will continue in the Church

The collection will be sent to the Royal British
Legion



"Project Creep"

As with many big projects (think HS2, Crossrail,
Keyham Village Hall Refurb), Church funding
problems have resulted in the implementation of a
cheaper solution to the planned toilet installation!



Photo: Tony Johnson

October 2019

This month brings with it 'seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness' 'pumpkins' 'possibly Brexit' and 'Prison Sunday'.

Well it's quite a mix! Is there any connection? Probably not a lot but it did make me reflect whether this October will mean that it is a month I forever associate with Brexit as well as the reunification of Germany which happened on the 3rd October 1990.

I think it will always be that autumn, mellow sun and ripening fruits – no doubt – I am a particular fan of spiced pumpkin soup (though really not of all things scary!) All Hallows Eve to give the day its full title is really about the opposite, it is the eve of All Hallows, All Saints, all things Holy and Light it's about banishing fear.

So we'll see what happens in these unchartered political waters but before all of that there is Prison Sunday on the 13th October. Many people might be as unimpressed with Prison Sunday as I am with the scary stuff, but I think there is probably something important in both.

The scary stuff gives image to our fears; to things that feel different from us (the baddies and the villains), it feels manageable when mixed with Pumpkins, sweets and apple bobbing! Prisons though seem to be places where real villains and baddies reside. There is often very little patience or care about what happens to prisoners but for Prison Chaplains and many of the other staff they see their role very much as being rehabilitation, bringing light into the darkness, helping turn the scary stuff of people's past into a healthier, lighter future on release.

It doesn't always work, not everyone is ready to turn their life around, but for those who are (and those who aren't) Prison Chaplains and many other staff work tirelessly to bring a little light, a little mellow, to see the fruit of their labour in those who are released and don't come back. On Prison Sunday, we will pray for all who work in the criminal justice system, for prisoners and their families, and for all victims of crime. Sarah, a prison chaplain at Drake Hall (for women prisoners) will be sharing some of her story with us in Keyham.

Revd Alison

The combined Hungarton and Keyham collection for the Farmers Charity raised £300 at the 2 harvest festival services.

Brian

Ground Skipper

Assailing on the Hoe
keeping docks away
I tack my patch again
a see of loams and soils
as toils of crews within
and pirate bees without
raiding nectars' gold
from the produce borne
on the tide of spring
while I cruise around
in the tranquil sound
wearing just some hose
to feel those rising currants
as swells of my content.

Oddly

Chimney Sweep in Keyham SOON

Keith Wood has arranged for the chimney sweep to be in Keyham on Saturday 5th October. Contact Keith at Plumtree Cottage or on 2595620 to book your appointment.

Geoff's Adventure to Lebanon

Geoff's blog on the "Crazy Guy on a Bike" website was recently a featured journal. This is what one reader thought. "When I pulled up CGOAB yours was the Current Featured Journal. I started reading and could not stop. You have a way with words and an openness with thoughts, perceptions, questions. While reading I felt I was part of your trip. Well done!"

To read all about Geoff's amazing adventure for yourself and to find out how you can make a donation to his chosen charity go to....

https://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/?o=1mr&page_id=574258&v=aX

HUNGARTON AND KEYHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 2218

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES



YOUR COMMITTEE

President: Cynthia McLauchlan (2595580)

Honorary Vice President: Marie Lloyd (2595672)

Treasurer: Penny Faulkner (2595305)

Secretary: Lorraine Quaid (2595457)

Secretary Minutes: Ros Atkin (2595216)

Programme Organiser: Karen Holmes (2595302)

Committee: Yvonne Bates (2595182)

EVENTS

H = Hungarton Village Hall
K = Keyham Village Hall

21 January (H)
INDOOR CURLING - Burn off the Christmas calories with indoor curling (suitable for all)



17 June (H)
MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS - Meet the life-saving dogs supporting people with complex medical conditions.

15 July (Gardens visit)
TBC but somewhere local.

16 September (K)
FRANCIS LEONARDO - Francis will talk to us about raising awareness of dementia.

21 October (H)
AGM - Followed by cheese and wine.

18 November (H)
CYNTHIA'S CRAFTS

December
CHRISTMAS PARTY - Date and venue TBC.



18 February (H)
DESERT ISLAND DISCS - Bring along a favourite song for everyone to enjoy.

18 March (K)
BODY SHOP - Emma Parker from the Body Shop will tell us more about this ethical, cruelty-free range and we can try and buy discounted products.

15 April (H)
COCKTAIL SHAKER BOYS - Try new cocktails, alongside the classics and modern favourites.

20 May (K)
RESOLUTIONS MEETING - Time to discuss the 2019 Resolutions and vote accordingly.



Paul's Ordination

Some news I was asked to pass on for all at Keyham:

I've been training for Ordination as a C of E minister and, all being well, will be ordained next June/July.

I'll be working as a curate at Thurnby Lodge (off Thurncourt Road) for 3 years. I'll be part-time, and unpaid. I'll be doing funerals, and later, weddings and Communion services which I am very much looking forward to. I'm very grateful for all the support I've had here and also at Hungarton and Billesdon. Village church life is particularly suited to developing 'embryonic church ministry'. I'm also very grateful to Alison, whose managerial skills at several points was crucial, and for whom this process involved a lot of work for her. For me, this involved a process taking quite a few years, many interviews, and forms galore (one reply I sent totalled 30 pages of A4). Then a short 2 year Bible College attendance (I've already completed a 4 year distance learning foundation Theology Degree) - so they certainly are thorough in this process. I'll then be wearing a dog collar when 'at work' so people can easily see whether to chat to me or cross the road.

Why do this?

Basically, I want to know God better. I grew up a committed catholic, had a salvation experience in a youth group (loosely attached to a C of E church) which did affect me quite profoundly. Fast forward I had a career and our 4 children grown up, and now my current other role is a travelling grandparent. I still want to know Him better. It may surprise some but most of us who are 'in' the Church know we still only partly grasp our Maker - treasure is hidden. If I can use this job to get to know Him better, while doing hopefully something useful (not many careers can start well at 59 but this one can), then 'job's a good-un' as they say round here.

Best
Paul





SELAG Supporters' autumn 2019 Newsletter

Growing Opposition to the Expressway and its associated 40,000 houses

In the summer three Leicestershire MPs publicly took issue with the Strategic Growth Plan. In a letter to the advisory group of Leicestershire councillors overseeing the progress of the Plan to which all the district and the county councils had signed up Ed Argar, Alberto Costa and Neil O'Brien MPs for Charnwood, South Leicestershire and Harborough wrote that they could not support the Plan as it stands and that they wanted alternatives to be explored. Their letter ends "We are not convinced that the proposed Expressway and accompanying housing development is the right approach to the future transport or housing needs of our county and we do not support it in its current form."

Also now Harborough's district council leader, Phil King, has been joined by Stuart Bray, the new leader of Hinckley and Bosworth council in questioning the SGP - further fracturing the once united front of all Leicestershire councils.

Midlands Connect to report in November The body campaigning for the upgrading of the A46 from Cirencester to Grimsby is due to issue its detailed report into the Improvements it is seeking in November. We understand that it will examine closely the case for staying with the current route of the A46 through the county by improving its junctions and carriageways as an alternative to the radical 20 plus mile expressway intrusion into east Leicestershire. We await with interest this report noting that that Midlands Connect's chief concern is for through roads whereas the promoters of the SGP see the new road as a means of unlocking building land for 40,000 houses.

Lobbying Council leaders and MPs SELAG is keeping in regular touch with council leaders and MPs and is seeking a second meeting before the end of the year with the chief architects of the SGP, Peter Soulsby, leader of the City Council and Nick Rushton leader of the County Council. A meeting earlier this year led to a robust exchange of views but also a recognition that further meetings would be of value.

Incorporation of SELAG SELAG's concern for the countryside of east Leicestershire means that it needs to attract support from a large number of villages along the likely route of the Expressway. The SELAG committee has therefore thought it prudent to change the status of the action group from one more suited to the concerns of a single village to an incorporated private company better able to handle the business of a major lobby group. The purpose of SELAG to protect the rural environment of south and east Leicestershire and to question the need for the A46 Expressway will, of course, remain the same.

Website Development Emails, and press releases and our Facebook page are ways in which we alert people to the threat to our countryside posed by the Expressway. We also have our website which is greatly in need of love and attention by someone skilled in IT and social media. Could that person be you or is there someone you know who feels passionately about this issue who'd be willing to recreate and regularly update our website so it will be fit for purpose? If so do, please, get in touch with me.

Owen Bentley

SELAG Supporters' Secretary

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SELAG Press Release 13th September

The fight goes on.

There is a very poor case for what is in effect a semi-motorway crashing through the beautiful countryside of South and East Leicestershire plus the associated large housebuilding and warehouses that is planned.

We are making progress. Recently our three MPs most closely associated with the areas affected Alberto Costa, Neil O'Brien, and Edward Agar sent a letter to the Authorities expressing their unhappiness with the Plan. Market Harborough District Council are having second thoughts. This is all excellent news.

But we do need more help. We cannot win this fight without you. We are looking for volunteers who might be able to spare up to 2-3 hours a month helping us with the Campaign. Anyone who might feel they could possibly spare some time please contact Philip Bland at philip.bland@beeby.me.uk or telephone 07909927336.

Village People

Congratulations to Simon Windle and Chloe who married on Saturday 7th September at St John the Baptist Church, Frome, Somerset.



Good luck to **Ellie, Brett and William** in their new home at Queniborough. Our best wishes go with them but it is with a touch of sadness now that the long association with the Marlow family has come to a close. Happy memories of Roland, Christine, Kim, Tracey and Ellie and all the good fun.

Best wishes too to **Joe and Gina** who have moved on from Athboy Cottage.

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN November edition is
Thursday 31st October
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or
jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

The Czech Consulate in Keyham

Part 5– The Heller/Prager family and The Holocaust – The Victims

Between 1939 and 1948 the Heller/Prager family in Keyham included

Laura Heller	- Sister
Clara Lowey (Nee Heller)	- Sister
Konrad Heller	- Brother
Franzeska Heller (nee Neukirchner)	- Konrad's Wife
Helen Kraus	- Aunt to Hellers
Martha Prager	- Cousin of Hellers, and Helen Kraus' niece

Between them they would have many relatives that were to become victims of the Holocaust.

Bedrich Prager

Relation – Nephew (Helene Kraus) Cousin (Martha Prager and Hellers)

Born – Chomutov, Czech Republic 17-Apr-1900

Bedrich lived in Prague and was a grocer. He was one of the first deportees to Theresienstadt, probably to work on one of the construction gangs. His record at the Czech Holocaust database has a collection of documents for him that at first glance seem total unrelated, but actually follow a pattern common to a lot of the deportees.

1919 – Arrest Sheet

1924 – Passport Application

1926 – Request from Deutschcer Fussball Club (Prague) for return of his passport

1939 – Passport Application

1940 – Application for Visa for travel to Shanghai

1941 Oct– Summons for unpaid fine of 2000kr

In 1926 he played football at good standard involving travel around and outside the country requiring a passport. After the 1938 invasion Bedrich makes attempts to leave by acquiring a passport and attempting to get a 'fictitious' exit visa for Shanghai.

His summons for an unpaid fine was what almost resulted in his deportation. By 1941 in Prague, Jews were faced with a system of arbitrary fines which could result from being arrested for walking along certain city centre streets, or using restaurants or public transport reserved for non-Jews. It's unclear what the fine was for, but the non-payment meant Bedrich would be immediately referred to the Gestapo.

Once in Theresienstadt, Bedrich would have worked on converting and constructing the site with materials paid for by funds embezzled by the Nazis from the Jewish community. Those in the ghetto although in terrible conditions, felt relative safe from any further deportations further to 'The East'. So it was a shock in January 1942 when the Nazi's demanded the Jewish administration to draw up a list of 1000 people for deportation to The East. A number of criteria were drawn up which included being non-Zionist, a child, sick or member of a construction brigade. It also included having a criminal record. Bedrich could have fallen in to a number of these categories, and possibly his arrest back in 1919 for an offence involving cigarettes/tobacco could have counted against him, although arrested there is no evidence of him being charged or convicted.

Bedrich was transported to the Riga Ghetto in Latvia:

Transport O, no. 408 (09. 01. 1942, Theresienstadt -> Riga Ghetto)

The Riga Ghetto was created in October 1941 to house local Latvian Jews. As the 'Final Solution' or 'Operation Reinhard' began, space was required for the new arrivals of the Reich Jews (including Czechoslovakia) between the 30th November and 9th December 1941, 27,500 Latvian Jews were taken into the forest of Rumbula and murdered.

It is not known what happened to Bedrich after arriving in Riga other than that he was murdered. He may have been put to work leading to '*destruction through labour*'. In January 1942, 900 of the youngest and strongest arrivals were put to work constructing the Salapils Concentration camp of whom only 60 to 70 survived. Alternatively he could have died immediately on arrival or in an 'action'. Arrivals in Riga who were unable to walk on arrival were offered transport to the Ghetto and murdered immediately in Gas Vans (mobile gas chambers). In March 1942 the ghetto was deemed to be too crowded leading to the Dünamünde Action where 3,800 mostly children and those unable to work were shot.

Amalie Prager

Relation – Sister (Martha Prager) Cousin (Hellers) Niece (Helen Kraus)

Born – Chomutov, Czech Republic 07-Dec-1885

Emma Lobl (nee Prager)

Relation – Sister (Martha Prager) Cousin (Hellers) Niece (Helen Kraus)

Born – Chomutov, Czech Republic 09-Dec-1886

Both sisters lived in Uhříněves and Stránčice (east of Prague)

They were deported to Theresienstadt on the same day 12th Sep 1942 on consecutive trains.

Transport Bg, no. 638 (12. 09. 1942, Prague -> Theresienstadt)

Transport Bg, no. 639 (12. 09. 1942, Prague -> Theresienstadt)

The deportation process from Prague would begin by Adolf Eichmann's (the SS 'Jewish expert') Central Office for Jewish Emigration drawing up a list of deportees from Prague. That would be communicated to the Jewish Religious Congregation (JRC) of Prague who were then tasked with issuing summons to the deportees, usually delivered at night.

The assembly point for the deportees was the Trade Fair site at Holesovice. The site was secured by the Czech police on the perimeter with the SS controlling the interior. The holding camp contained thousands of deportees, with little sanitary facilities where 'processing' could take three days. The processing involved much bureaucratic form filling process with the ultimate aim of extracting as many remaining financial assets from the deportee as possible.

The sisters remained at Theresienstadt for only 10 days before being deported to 'The East', this time to Minsk in Belarus. A journey of 650 miles. Each train transported a 1000 people in enclosed cattle trucks, with each truck contain a bucket of water and a bucket for a toilet to be shared by a 100+ people. The majority of people on the transport would have been elderly or sick, if any of them had died during the departure process, which was common when the deportees were made to wait for hours in the elements where temperatures could fall to -30c, for audit purposes their corpses were loaded along with the living.

The destination for Transports Bg, no.638/639 (10th May 1942) was Maly Trostinec a newly designated *Vernichtungslager*, or extermination camp. On arrival the deportees would be marched into the Blagovshchina and Shashkovka forests, ordered to strip naked, then in batches marched to the edge of the death pits, (already containing 1000's of corpses), where they would be shot in the back of the neck.

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As Emma and Mealy arrived on the same day it is not inconceivable that they died together or witnessed their sibling being shot.

It estimates that between 80,000 and 330,000 were murdered at the camp. Only a few of the low ranking perpetrators were ever prosecuted.

Olga Frankel (nee Heller)

Relation – Sister (Laura Heller, Clara Lowey, Konrad Heller) Cousin (Hellers) Niece (Helen Kraus)

Born – Chomutov, Czech Republic 14-Jul-1875

Irma Frankel

Relation – Daughter (Olga Frankel)

Born – Hamburg, Germany 13-Jan-1913

Olga married Franz Frankel from Hamburg where she lived, and her daughter was born.

She was deported to Theresienstadt on the 20th July 1942

Transport VI/2, no. 154 (20. 07. 1942, Hamburg -> Theresienstadt)

Her daughter had been deported 7 months earlier to Riga where she probably worked as a slave labourer.

Transport??? (04. 12. 1941, Hamburg -> Riga)

Olga stayed in Theresienstadt for over 2 months before being sent to 'The East'. It seems a comparatively long time, which suggests she may have become ill and was no longer able to work. She was sent to an extermination camp whose name still resonates today, Treblinka.

The facility's sole purpose was mass murder. Designed down to the last detail to murder the maximum amount of people in the most efficient of manners. The site was camouflaged as a train station with flowers on the platform and timetables on the station walls. It was announced on arrival that this was to a hygiene stop where everybody was to take a shower. One survivor can remember a guard shouting as they disembarked 'Hurry! Hurry! The water is getting cold!'.

The deportees were herded to an undressing barrack then into the gas chamber where they were gassed with carbon monoxide generated from an old Red Army tank engine. It took 12 minutes before the victims became silent and 20 minutes before death. By the end of the camps life between 20,000 and 25,000 per day were being murdered. The corpses were buried in mass graves on the site. The site was tiny 600 metres by 400 metres. In terms of Keyham, a rectangle the distance along Ingarsby Road from Snows Lane to Dandelion Farm by the length of Snows Lane and across the field to Keyham brook. In that area it estimated between 800,000 and 1,200,000 people were murdered and buried. More than the combined population of the cities of Leicester, Nottingham and Derby.

It is thought that Olga's daughter Irma survived until 1944 before perishing in Stutthof concentration camp.

In addition to the 5 victims described in the article. The family also lost Klara Klingsberg (nee Prager), Marie Breitenfeld (nee Lowy), Paul Breitenfeld, Emil, Irma and Gerti Lowy (relationship to be established) and family members yet to be identified.

The extermination camps have often been referred to as 'Factories of Death', which is literally what they were, not only in terms of mass murder but also in the 'processing' of human beings. At Treblinka as part of the hygiene stops women had their heads shaved, their hair used to stuff mattresses. Teeth removed to extract gold fillings, bones ground down to meal for fertiliser and at the liberation of Stutthof by the Red Army the discovery of an experimental facility to render corpses down to produce soap.

The Hellers/Pragers in Keyham during the war and immediately afterwards, would not have known with any certainty what had happened to their loved ones. News sources were limited to censored newsreels, radio broadcasts, rumour and month or year old letters that had filtered back. After 1945 Europe was divided by the Iron Curtain. Reports of events that had happened in 'The East' suppressed by the Soviets as the Cold War became established and the Allies concentrating on the rebuilding of Europe and containing the spread of Communism. After the killing frenzies of 1941 to 1943 the Nazi's embarked on 'Aktion 1005', an operation to cover their crimes. Bodies exhumed and cremated, Extermination camps demolished and sites planted or built over. The testimony of the survivors was found to be so extreme as to be unbelievable. It was not until the worldwide televising of the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem in 1961 that the world began to fully believe the survivors, and appreciate the 'banality of evil' that created the structure and conditions for the implementation of the 'Final Solution'.

For months and years after 1945 there was probably still the hope in the family that a relative might be found in a Displaced Person's Camp or make contact from the other side of the world or Iron Curtain. As the years passed hope of a reunion would fade to be replaced by mourning and remembrance.

'Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.' Isaiah 56:5

Steve Bailey

Next month in Keyham News:

Part 6 – Going home?