

## Chairman's Report

### Proposed Crematorium at Scraptoft Lodge Farm

Further to my notes in last month's edition, I have this week received details of the planning application from Harborough.

The application number is: 24/01140/FUL

Here is the link:

<https://pa2.harborough.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SJDRSTHW0L600&activeTab=summary>

Also see the following which appeared on the BBC local news website (see page 6):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4g52n257gyo>

If you have an opinion or comments that you wish to make about this planning application you are now able to do so but you must do this before 18<sup>th</sup> October.

I will continue to analyse the application as detailed in last month's 'News ' before formulating a Parish response, liaising with local councillors and Scraptoft Parish Council (remember the site of the plan is in Scraptoft Parish) as necessary.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the application or the approach noted above please contact me via e mail.

**Tony Johnson**  
**Chairman, Keyham Parish Meeting**



Harvest time in Keyham

## All Saints Church

Around the end of September and beginning of October, we give thanks for a successful harvest of fruit, vegetables and crops sown to feed us over the winter to come. No longer do we sacrifice a lamb or goat, as is still done in some parts of the world, we simply have a Harvest Festival service and say "thank you".

This can be extended to include friendships, new and old, success in examinations or at work or just happiness, say from the birth of a child or grandchild in the family. If all has gone well, then surely that is as much a cause for celebration as for a farmer seeing his crops grow and flourish and giving him good cause to do the same the next year. As with growing crops, there is a certain amount of fortune involved in the success of any project, no matter how much planning and preparation has gone into it. That is why after a good crop harvest, our ancient ancestors felt obliged to give thanks to the Sun, to the extent of elevating it to an all-important overseer or in other words a "god".

We had our harvest festival on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and we said thank you to God for all the good that has come to us in the last year and we celebrated by sharing some of our produce at a supper and donating other produce or gifts to a charity, which would help those less fortunate than us and who are struggling to find sufficient money to feed themselves and their families.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the church look so delightful for the Harvest Festival service (see photos) and to all who came to the service.

Finally, a big thank you to all who gave food and who donated to the £55 collected, all of which has been passed onto The Well food bank in Kibworth.

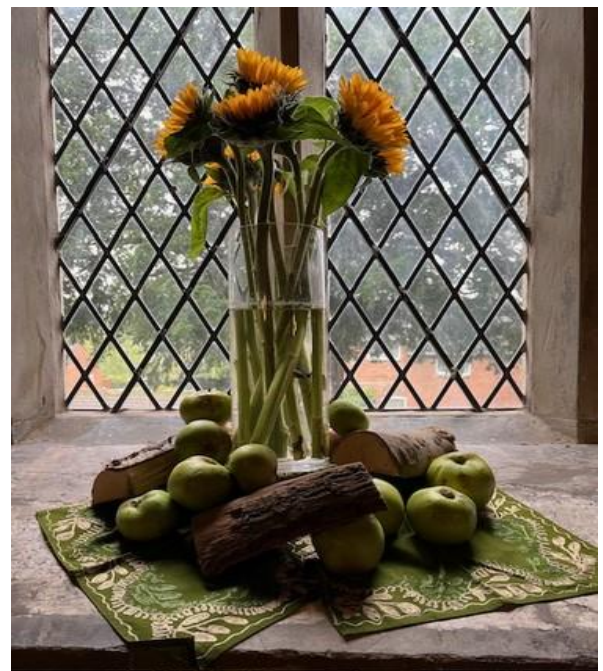
Anyone who missed the service and would have liked to donate to The Well, can do so on-line.

Richard [chapwin@btinternet.com](mailto:chapwin@btinternet.com)

**Next Service**  
**Holy Communion**  
**10:30am Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Please join us**



# KEYHAM NEWS



ALL SAINTS CHURCH KEYHAM

JAZZ IN THE CHURCH!  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
7pm

With wine  
and snacks

£10 cash  
on the  
door

IN AID OF CHURCH TOWER FUND

## Pete Varnam 1964-2024



## Swallow Watch

One or two left in the village I saw today but mine left Tuesday.

They and others gathered over Keyham Hall lawns very excitedly whilst getting a last top- up of insects before their long flight.

Wonderful.

Tony

## Keyham News Deadline

The deadline for  
KN November edition is  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Articles and photographs to  
The Lodge or [keyhamnews@btinternet.com](mailto:keyhamnews@btinternet.com)  
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[Keyham Village Website](#)

## It's Sweep-time Again



Keith has arranged for the chimney sweep to be in the village on.....

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**&**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Call Keith on 01162595620 or drop in to Plumtree Cottage to book your appointment.

## *Romance and Intrigue*

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:30pm**  
Emmanuel Church, Forest Road,  
Loughborough LE11 3NW

**Glinka**  
Russlan and Ludmilla Overture

**Glazunov**  
Concert Waltz No.2

**Tchaikovsky**  
Rococo Variations

**Rimsky-Korsakov** Scheherazade

**Conductor** Nic Fallowfield  
**Cello** Danushka Edirisinghe



Tickets from Sheila at Wayside

## Hindu and Sikh crematorium plan for farm



PHP ARCHITECTS

The applicants said the facility would be the second in the UK after one currently under construction in South Buckinghamshire

**Tess Rushin**

Local Democracy Reporting Service

26 September 2024, 06:22 BST

### **A new crematorium for Hindu and Sikh funerals could be built on a Leicestershire farm.**

A late 19th Century farmhouse and outbuildings in East Scraftoft would make way for what would be the second faith-specific facility in the country if approved.

Applicants CDS Group said there was a "strong need" for the proposed crematorium at Scraftoft Lodge Farm as Leicester had the highest population of Hindus and Sikhs outside of London.

Permission is sought from Harborough District Council for two chapels, which the **Local Democracy Reporting Service** said would be expected to hold six ceremonies a day between them, as well as a dining hall and car and coach parking.

According to the applicants, a faith-specific facility would allow time for Hindu and Sikh traditions that multi-faith crematoriums cannot always accommodate.

These include the laying of gifts and flowers on a coffin before the main chapel service, and having areas of water nearby for the scattering of ashes "to complete the spiritual journey".

Planning documents state the disused farmhouse, outbuildings and barns which would be demolished are vacant and in "varying states of disrepair".

Members of the public have raised concerns about parking and the proposed access on to Keyham Lane East, near the existing Natural Burial Ground.

Residents can comment on the plans until 14 October, with a decision expected on the application by the end of the year.

A planning application to redevelop the farmhouse and its outbuildings as an entertainment complex was previously granted approval by Harborough District Council in October 2022, but this was not carried out.

From BBC News Website

# KEYHAM NEWS

## Keyham from Above

A few aerial photos of sunrise, sunset and moonrise over Keyham during the autumn equinox.

Contrary to what someone thought, this was not the result of Rebecca flying her 787 Dreamliner rather low but rather from Michael's drone!



Michael

## Pre-loved Items

### Medical Aids

KN understands that there are 2 x walking frames (adjustable) and 1 x knee cushion available within the village should anyone think they might find them useful.

Contact me please if you wish to enquire further. **Margaret**

### Table and 2 Chairs



Suitable for garden room or conservatory. FOC to good home - must be able to collect. Contact Christine Hill on 07711 556225 if you are interested. **Christine**

### Jamie's Jokes

In addition to Oddly's Odes, KN has a new feature..... "Jamie's Jokes".

Why do elephants have big ears?

Because Noddy wouldn't pay the ransom.

A police officer called the station on his radio.

"I need back-up here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she had just mopped."

"Have you arrested her?"

"Not yet. The floor's still wet."

## **Big Butterfly Count 2024** **Results Reveal Lowest Numbers on Record**

The Big Butterfly Count 2024 ran from the 12th July to 4th August, when the public were asked to count the number of butterflies they could spot in 15 minutes.

Anyone attempting the count this year would have encountered a minor problem in the fact there weren't any butterflies. Of the 85,000 members of the public taking part who made 143,241 counts, 9,000 didn't spot a single butterfly.

I delayed my own count until August. On a favourable sunny day and with a flowering buddleia to my advantage I spotted only 6 butterflies; 3 Whites, 2 Peacocks and a Brimstone. The average number of butterflies seen in a count was 7, down from 12 in 2023 and a previous low of 9.

In total 935,000 butterflies and daytime flying moths were spotted down 60,000 on 2023.

The results have prompted the Butterfly Conservation charity to lobby the government to declare a 'Nature Emergency' as well as a total ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

Dr Richard Fox, Head of Science at Butterfly Conservation said that the rain and flooding of the spring had led to a sudden drop in caterpillar survival, but added the long term trend was even more alarming due to habitat, pesticides and harsher weather cycles.

In Keyham, the mild early September has seen a late resurgence of Red Admirals and "Cabbage" Whites. The reappearance of the latter has been not entirely appreciated by those growing brassicas on the allotments.



Anyone wishing to add their signature to Butterfly Conservation's letter to the Government asking them to declare a 'Nature Emergency' and ban butterfly-killing neonicotinoid pesticides can do so by visiting:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/emergency>

The 16th Big Butterfly Count will take place from Friday 18th July to Sunday 10th August 2025.

**Steve**

## **Soul Time**

That anticipation  
in the flow of rhythm  
as you step across the floor  
in time to meet the music  
and embrace that harmony  
humming in your mind  
makes a pleasure hormone  
as you play your overture.

## **The University of Life**

For a real education  
study there with others  
and attend the lessons  
to discover who you are  
and then be taught to use  
what you have written  
which upon examination  
gains a degree in confidence  
which leaves feeling qualified  
for a good career of mind  
in teams of care for others  
and the best of memory  
pensions.

## **That's the Spirit**

Drinking happiness alone  
leaves a hangover of pleasure  
and the feeling of depressed  
while sharing it with friends  
as rounds of pure enjoyment  
leaves sensations of fulfilled.

## **Oddly**



## Keyham Croquet 2024

More photographs from 1<sup>st</sup> September....



The Registration Team



Time for a quick Pimms before play starts



Play commences



The Final



Tony thanks the organisers