

KEYHAM NEWS

Diary Dates

September:

19th WI – Vegan Cookery (see p6)
Hungarton Village Hall 7:30pm

October:

2nd Bring & Share Harvest Supper (see p2)
10th Keyham Film Night (see opp)
13th 1st Pilates Class 6pm–7pm (see opp)

Church Services

September:

4th 9am Holy Communion (Hungarton)
11th 9am Holy Communion (**Keyham**)
18th 5pm Compline (Hungarton)
25th Harvest Festival: 4pm (Hungarton)
5pm Compline (**Keyham**)

October:

2nd **HARVEST FESTIVAL: 6pm Keyham
(Followed by Harvest Supper)**

Church Flower Rota

September:

4th Ros Atkin
11th Ros Atkin
18th Hannah Holdsworth
25th Hannah Holdsworth

October:

2nd **HARVEST FESTIVAL: Joint Effort**
9th Sophie Page
16th Sandra Price
23rd Gill Wheeler
30th Gill Wheeler

It is September already and it will soon be Christmas! Is there anyone who would love to host any part of the Flower Group Christmas dinner?

Sandra

Keyham Film Night

Keyham Film Night returns next month on Monday 10th October, 7.30pm; film to be advised.

The refurbishment of the hall, in particular the back wall, should negate the need for the portable screen; this will certainly save on the setting up time for our projectionist, Pete Groschl.

I will be approaching Paige and Stuart too at the D&G to see if they would like to offer a pre-cinema meal.

Please support this popular event.

Margaret Hughes

Pilates in Keyham Village Hall

You may be aware that Linda Bouch (nee Jerman) ran some Pilates Classes over the summer months in the Village Hall.

Well, I'm pleased to report that Keyham Charities have agreed to fund **6 weeks of classes** with Linda and these will start on Thursday 13th October, 6pm – 7pm.

Linda has asked that those wishing to attend classes make contact with her first; I'll send her contact details round on a separate email.

Margaret Hughes

PARISH NEWS

New Website: As reported previously the existing website is now closed due to LCC cost cutting exercises. The good news is that we now have a new one which will be going live on September 2nd. It is still in its basic format but I will continue to enhance it on an ongoing basis. The link is: <http://www.keyhamparish.org.uk/>

Please add this to your favourites. This new one is more flexible in so far as I am able to enter content more easily. For further information check the website!

Gypsy Settlement: This application will be decided on 21st September when it goes before the HDC Planning Committee; a similar scenario to the one at LCC for the chicken factory. You can be assured that Keyham's views will be well represented when we are given the 3 minute opportunity to speak. Please contact KCC or myself if you want more information.

**Tony Johnson,
Chairman of Parish Meeting**

Harvest Festival & Sharing

A few years ago, my son Simon gave me a cherry tree for my birthday. Each year it has grown a little, delighted us with its frothy white blossom, and produced very few cherries, which have been left for the birds to eat. That is, until this year. Following flowers of bridal splendour, large numbers of cherries formed and ripened (see photo below). We were delighted, and picked over ten pounds of cherries from the lower branches. As the tree is on a slope, reaching the higher branches was difficult, so we thought we would leave the remaining cherries for the birds. There was a rustle and a bustle in the tree if we emerged from the house without warning, and we did notice that the usual population of sparrows lining up on our neighbours' rooftops had been replaced by brooding starlings (a bit like Hitchcock's film). We realised they were enjoying a bit of a feast; however we were completely oblivious to the havoc wreaked on the gardens of Snows Lane. Day after day the hapless residents were bombarded with sticky cherry stones, pinging off their conservatories, and messing up their patios, until finally the tree was cleared and the starlings disappeared. Neighbours, we apologise for this, and if we have a good crop next year, would welcome expert tree climbers, or someone with a cherry picker, to relieve us of the excess.

In the meantime, I promise to bring some kind of cherry pie or pudding to the **Bring and Share Harvest Supper** on October 2nd, at 7pm, in the Village Hall. Come and join us there if you can: there will be sausages galore, and other treats. As well as this, so that everyone can have the opportunity to admire the beauty of the flower ladies' decorations, the church will be open during the day, and there will be a celebration service at 6 pm. If you are unable to get to any of these events, but would like to give something to those less fortunate, bring packets/tins/dry groceries preferably to the Village Hall in the evening or leave them in the church, or with us at Old West End Farm, and we will deliver them to the DAWN Centre (no cherry stones please).

Claire



New Beginnings and Harvest

September is traditionally a time for new beginnings if you're a child, teacher, parent or grandparent who has been on 'grandparenting duty' for the summer holidays there is a definite change as the new school year begins. Children are instantly 'older' some begin school for the first time, others make the jump to secondary and each year some begin 6th Form. Each change brings with it new challenges.

It's not so much true for others who don't have the connection with children (one way or the other) on a regular basis but still it affects everyone, the roads will be busier now the schools are back, many clubs and activities (not for children) still stop in the holidays so in a sense everything begins again.

I was reflecting though, this is just one of the 'new beginnings' in the church the year begins with Advent, there's the new year in January, other places in the world have their own 'new year' at other times. Many of us are continually beginning again, making a fresh start, in a sense Harvest is a similar process.

Harvest festival at the end of this month will mark the safe gathering of crops, as I've watched over the summer the harvest beginning with fields that were full of crops being reduced to just the bare earth once more I reflected that every time one job is finished another must begin. Those fields will not remain empty for long, the end of the cycle in Harvest is swiftly followed by the beginning of the next in the planting of new crops.

For each of us we will have our own endings and beginnings in the constant flow of life, Harvest Festival is a good reminder to us, we give thanks for the blessings in the endings and we look forward to the new beginnings which come next. At every communion service we begin with our confession recognising all that has not been good, we give thanks that God promises forgiveness and having heard that forgiveness we begin again with joy. It's a cycle not just for church or formal confession but for our lives in God's hands, there is always that which has not gone well but with God's grace we have the opportunity to begin again and to flourish like the flowers of the field and the birds of the air (a reading we often hear at Harvest time).

I pray for us all, that we might know, good 'new beginnings' and for the joy of recognising the good gifts that are sent from heaven.

Revd Alison

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Village News

You may recall that **Richard Taylor** celebrated a significant birthday in April. His family's present to him was a parachute jump at Sibson Aerodrome. Bad weather delayed the jump but he finally did it a couple of weeks ago. Well done Richard!



Skydiver.....



..... and Support Team

Ed

Rosie Carpenter is off to study Law having achieved one A-star and two A's in her recent A levels. Well done Rosie

Ed

Village News (cont.)

Just to let a little secret out! Debbie Tassi and I are engaged! Very happy indeed. Hopefully another wedding in Keyham - possibly next summer. **David**



Some of you may remember this from the London Olympics 2012:

"..... Hannah Mills, Silver Medalist, 470 Sailing Class, who just happens to be **Marjorie Moore's** Great Great Niece. Wonderful! See photo below (Hannah on the right)."



Well now it's "Hannah Mills, Gold Medalist, Rio 2016". Marjorie would have loved it!



Ed

KEYHAM BOOKWORM'S MONTHLY READ BEHIND CLOSED DOORS by B.A.PARIS

Bookworm is always keen to explore for new authors and B. A. Paris has made a stunning debut with "Behind Closed Doors". Her talents are limitless - following a career in investment banking she moved to France, trained to be a teacher, had 5 children, opened a language school and has now written what is sure to become a bestseller. Clearly a remarkable lady set to become a big name in the literary world and little wonder given the excellence of this debut novel.

"Behind Closed Doors" is a psychological thriller that grips from start to finish. Grace and Jack have on the face of it the perfect marriage. Jack is a hugely successful lawyer specialising in domestic abuse cases and Grace is a wife who has it all - good looks, great culinary skills, beautiful house etc. etc. But is all as it seems? What follows is a real page turner that will keep KN readers up very late at night. Without giving away the plot Bookworm can safely predict you will eventually hate one of the main characters with a vengeance, that is for sure! Great plot with a very clever ending and one of the best books Bookworm has read this year. Indeed order already placed for her follow up "Every Little Thing" which will be on the bookshelves any day now.

Waterstones have it in paperback at £5.99 incl. p&p and Amazon have it in paperback at £2.85 excl. p&p and £2.99 on Kindle.

Enjoy this month's read and be sure to keep the light on!

Bookworm

Keyham News Deadline: October Edition

The deadline for KN October edition is
Friday 30th September
Articles and photographs to The Lodge or
jandm.hughes@btinternet.com

Keyham Lookalikes

Opinion is divided on our Lookalikes. Here are some of the supportive emails received at KN HQ following our LCFC feature:-

"I liked the lookylikey thing, very good!"

"Well done John & Margret on the "Keyham Lookalikes", absolutely fantastic 😊😊😊, but where are you 'Hughsey' the team is surely not complete without our anchor man? 🙌!"

"Thanks for giving me Vardy. What do I owe you?"

"Brilliant! Thanks as always"

However, contributors to our Twitter Feed where not that complimentary:-

"I thought that we had seen the last of the ridiculous Lookalikey thing. Promise me that you will never, ever bring it back. However, if you do and you do the Marilyn Monroe things (as suggested by #oooyouareawful in KN June) can you use the photo of Ms Monroe where the wind blows up her dress and she giggles. That's my favourite!" #complainaway

Opinion is clearly divided. Why not have your say through the usual channels.

Ed

Am I Going Batty?

About a year ago I was convinced that the Village Hall had a mouse. Woody was given the task of catching the little blighter but failed and reported back "no mouse in this hall". So, why the droppings? Then, one night at Keep Fit we spotted the culprit. A bat flew out of a curtain and disappeared through a hole in the roof never to be seen again. Until now.

The other week a hall user reported "mouse droppings"; strange after all the renovation work; surely our bat was long gone. But no, it is still around.

Not sure if it lives in the hall or just pops in now and again but you may spot the odd piece of evidence here and there.

To make doubly sure about the droppings I did the "dropping test". Crush it with your nail and it will turn to powder if it is a bat; it will go squidgy if it is a mouse. Honest, Google it!

**John Hughes,
Chairman KVHMC**

Keyham Open Gardens 2017 (KOG)

As Summer 2016 draws to a close, let's make a mental note that 2017 brings Open Gardens once again. The date has already been set; Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June.

For newcomers to the village this is what KOG is all about...

- We only do it every three years
- It is Keyham's only significant fund raising event
- Pretty much everyone gets involved
- It's informal and fun
- It raises money for the Village Hall and All Saints Church who rely heavily on it for on-going maintenance items
- About 10% of profits are given to external charities

Planning needs to start around Christmas time and we will call a start-up meeting around that time. The start-up meeting will, hopefully, be the only meeting we have and is an opportunity to discuss and agree your ideas. However, we encourage you to start thinking about and discussing things now (see Carole's feature in KN August about a Clothes Sale). Please start potting-up plants for Elizabeth's Plant Store, start to collect and store items for the Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls.

A successful Open Gardens is particularly important at the moment for the Village Hall whose funds are severely depleted following the renovation project (see page 5).

Thank you in anticipation of your involvement.

John & Margaret, Event Organiser (unless deposed!)



After KOG 2008 a brick was purchased for the Rainbows Extension

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Village Hall Renovation

Keyham Village Hall Renovation Works were supported by
THE BIG LOTTERY FUND (AWARDS FOR ALL) & KEYHAM CHARITIES



Renovation work is now complete and the hall is once again available for bookings. The works cost just short of £20,000.

Here is where the money went:-

ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

Floor Covering: Kitchen & Toilets	2938
Kitchen Units	3701.70
South Wall Board & Skim/ Kitchen Skim	3030
Replacement Back Door	675
Brick up Windows	1200
Labour and Associated Materials	3656.52
Re-decoration	380
Skip	204
Electrical Work (incl. inspection & PAT)	1620
Sand & Seal Floor	876
Curtains & Curtain Poles	1372
Miscellaneous Items	191.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	19844.76

Here is where the money came from:-

FUNDING

Big Lottery Fund	8600
Keyham Charities	5432.60
Village Hall Reserves	5812.16
TOTAL FUNDING	19844.76

A big "thank-you" to both the Big Lottery Fund and Keyham Charities for their support. This would simply not have been possible without them. Thanks too to Richard Smith (Hungarton Village Hall), Anne Jones (Thorpe Satchville Village Hall) and Ian Lauder (Illston-on-the-Hill Village Hall) for their ideas.

Thank-you and well done to Pete Varnam for all his hard work and "know-how" at very reasonable cost. Thanks to all villagers who helped in all sorts of ways, especially Margaret Hughes for working very hard and keeping the Chairman in a positive frame of mind, and Keith Wood for clock restoration.

John Hughes,
Chairman KVHMC

Calming Canopies

Subtle shades romance
As cottontails of cloud
Embellish heaven's blue,
Their shadows interplay
Heightening the contrasts
Of tranquil countryside,
Then skyscape cumulus
Enchains across the light,
Shading in the day
In an English artistry,
Reminding rumoured rain
May yet come into play.

Summer Tones

That sleight of hand,
The English summer's day
Echoes pigeon's coos,
Filling tranquil warmth
With a soft brushed sound
Accompanied by the rustling
Of breeze blown riffling leaves,
Then far flown pigeons morse
In murmuring telegraph
Until a 'pecker's distant drum
Ends the chorus of content
For a blackbird on a rostrum
To conduct its evensong.

Oddly

HUNGARTON & KEYHAM

W.I. NEWS

September Meeting:

Vegan Cookery demonstrated by The Reverend Felix and Laura. September 19th at Hungarton Village Hall 7.30pm. This is an open meeting, all are welcome to join us.

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