

Chairman's Report

Highways:

The 'dragon's teeth' road markings have been applied on Ingarsby Road as you will notice; how effective they will be remains to be seen so any feedback would be welcome.



I have asked Simon Galton to try and establish why my requests for 'horses' signs was so summarily rejected when there appears to be signs in other areas that seems to less deserving.

There will be road closures in the local area commencing 11th September to hopefully properly repair the patchwork road surfaces and pot holes.

Footpaths:

The footpath between Keyham and Scraftoft is in a state of disrepair in some areas.



I have reported this to the council who have written to the landowner.

Tony Johnson,
Chairman Keyham Parish Meeting

Keyham Croquet Sunday 3rd September 2023

START TIME 1.30 PM AT MAYFIELD BARN (Event HQ)



Spectators are welcome to come along and watch.

John & Margaret,
Event Organisers

Fly Tipping over the Garden Fence!

We have been doing quite a bit of work in our garden at the Old School House over the bank holiday weekend.

We have discovered that where the houses back up to us from Snows Lane rather a lot of rubbish has been dumped over the fence into our garden (old water barrels empty ton bags lots of garden waste metal incinerator, plastic plant pots wooden pallets) we would appreciate it if whoever is responsible would stop this immediately as it is by law classed as fly tipping which is a criminal offence as we are sure everyone knows.

You will find a local tip at Oadby where they will be more than happy to accept your waste items and your garden waste can go into your green bin please NOT our garden.

We are sure whoever is responsible for this will know exactly what we mean.

Thank you.

Michele and Michael Smith

All Saints Church Keyham

With September, the sound of feverish activity in the fields near Keyham heralds the harvest. This has seemed more of a challenge in recent years, with the unpredictability of the weather and an absence of a run of week or more without rain, which used to allow proper drying of the crops. Still despite that, after a sunny day, we go to sleep to the sound of a combine harvester toiling in the fields nearby and wake up in the morning to a field completely shorn of its beautiful light brown corn or wheat.



Jesus' parable of the sower described the importance of choosing the right seed, sewing it carefully and with the help of nature nurturing it to grow to maturity. This was recounted in the scriptures of Matthew, whose festival day is on the 21st September, which describe Jesus standing in a boat near the edge of the lake with his listeners gathered on the shore in front of him. He used the familiar scene of the sower to describe the points that he wanted to make. The seed represented the Word of God and the birds, the rocky ground and the thorn bushes all acting as impediments or distractions, to prevent the Words being taken up and heeded by the people to whom he was preaching.

So why do we call this and other similar stories "parables" rather than stories or talks or messages? Looking into the derivation of the word; in Greek "parabole" meant a comparison by throwing or casting together, as used in the geometric term describing an arc. Then in Latin "parabola" also meaning comparison, evolved in Old French to make it a story (as in "parler" - French - to speak) involving a description of a subject, disguised as another, similar subject. So Jesus did deliver a talk, with a hidden message, a riddle in fact, to make a point of how his listeners should behave to help them enter the Kingdom of Heaven and this was broadcast to them as they gathered on the shore in an arc, in front of his boat from which he spoke. A "parable" indeed.

For the cyclists and walkers among us, on 9th September is the yearly Stride and Ride between churches in Leicestershire, organised by and in aid of both the Leicestershire Historic Churches Fund and specifically, the churches visited including All Saints. Further details are elsewhere in this issue.

**Our next service will be
Holy Communion at 10:30am on Sunday 17th September
the service will be taken by Jeff Hopewell**

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A Devotion

When you pray for mercy
it should be for yourself
as a gift for you to use
in every day and way
so beseech your being
to grace humanity
with compassion's clemency.

A sense less

Coffee ground in shops
fresh food sliced to order
today's unfrozen fish
spices on the loose
and fresh earth on a carrot
and flowers not in prison
all are aged odours
in a maze of regulation
needing rescue by the young
who we hope will leave behind
the dirty scents of industry.

The Shingles Gang

As a real affliction
this blister on society
always in a ring
known for rash behaviour
and inflicting pain
has an angry look
as it marches round
with a girdle badge
showing off its presence
in the zone where it has grown
so if you see that body
avoid it like the plague
as it sets out to hurt
any it encounters.

Oddly

Fast Food comes to Keyham

New fast food outlet to open soon in Keyham.



More details to follow in next month's Keyham News.

Anon (name and address supplied)

Keyham News Deadline

The deadline for
KN October edition is
Saturday 30th September
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or keyhamnews@btinternet.com
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Nature Notes

Parakeets

My daughter lives in Surrey and one of the most numerous birds in the area are Ring Neck Parakeets which must originally have escaped from captivity and can also be found in many other parts of the south east.

They have a very distinctive call and this morning, I could be wrong, but I thought heard one in Keyham which would be interesting if it were true.

This is what they look like:



Swallows at Mayfield Cottage

So far they have had two broods. Only two survived out of the original one but all four from the second appeared to have survived which may mean they won't have another, unlike last year when a whole brood died from the heat so they had a third. As they normally leave towards the end of September it's unlikely there's sufficient time this year but we'll see.

Tony

Butterflies

Hopefully some of us took part in the recent butterfly survey. Here is a lovely photo of a Red Admiral taken recently by Chris Page.



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Charity number: 233476

Or contact Sean Dudley, Ride+Stride Coordinator:
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Dog and Gun News

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: **Dog & Gun Keyham**

Date: **Friday 29th September**

Time: **12pm - 2.30pm**

Contact:



Simply scan this QR code with your phone
to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.
It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.

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Dog & Gun Keyham

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We are a beautiful village pub in the community of Keyham Leicestershire.

Food served Tuesday to Saturday 12-2pm
Tuesday Wednesday Friday Saturday 6-8pm
Sunday lunch 12-3pm

Quiz night every Thursday from 7.30pm. Music quiz every 1st Thursday of the month.

A great place to meet up with friends, a great place to unwind and relax.

Our pub is open
Tuesday to Friday 12-2pm 4-10pm
Saturday 12-10pm
Sunday 12-7pm

We offer a fabulous range of home cooked traditional pub food and premium drinks 🍷

Please share our beautiful pub spread the word about all village pubs, they need you more than ever.

#supportyourlocal #supportpubs #everards



Ailsa Jamieson

Ailsa died on Friday 11th August around 4pm. Even though she'd been battling cancer for 16 years, her final decline was quite rapid and was a shock. She was at home with me and two palliative care nurses and was relatively peaceful at the end. Can't thank people enough for all the kindness, cards, gifts, hugs and sympathy.

Hope to see many of you at the funeral.

Fay

The date for Ailsa's Funeral is on **Wednesday 6th September at 1.00 pm** at St John the Baptist Church followed by burial in the churchyard and afterwards in the Village Hall.

Flowers optional. Black optional. Donations LOROS.



Photo of Ailsa and Fay at the Village Diamond Jubilee party

Ailsa was from Hungarton but she was known to many in Keyham through her involvement with the WI, the church and other village events. I worked with her for a number of years at British Gas and to describe her as "a character" would be an understatement. She will be greatly missed.

Margaret

The Next Keyham Dig

The next archaeological dig has been re-scheduled for Saturday 9th September at The Lodge.



Feel free to drop-in and observe from mid-morning.

John and Margaret

Chimney Sweep in the Village

The chimney sweep will be here on

Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th October.

Book your slot through **Keith** on 01162595620

or pop-in to Plumtree Cottage.



Cheese and Wine Evening September 30th 23, 6 to 9 pm

Come and join in a fun and informative evening at Keyham Village Hall sampling wines and cheeses, learning their stories and qualities from across the world courtesy of The Rutland Cheese Company ...

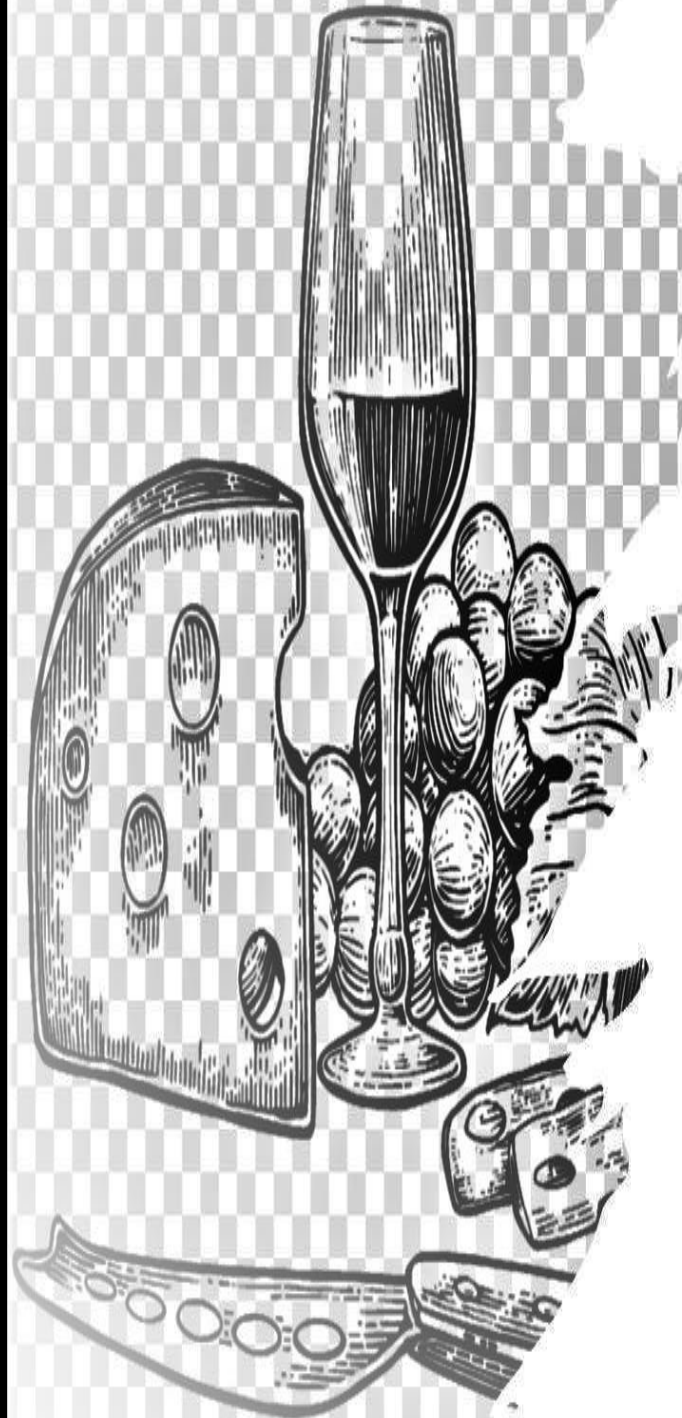
A cheesy quiz, a cheesy raffle, and cheesy entertainment will be provided as well as the opportunity to purchase any favourites.

We can provide non alcoholic and gluten free alternatives (just let Sarah know in advance)

Cost? Only £15 a head with a third of the proceeds going towards the church maintenance fund.

Please look out for a flyer through your door, which should be returned with tickets required and monies to 5 Kings Lane by August 1st. Alternatively, please e mail skelton2015@yahoo.com.

There are only 60 places, based on first come, first served basis....



Victorian Adventurers

(Continued from last month)

George Guilford came from a relatively wealthy farming family and had a trade. Unlike John and Thomas Gamble, who were from a humble background. John, born in July 1826 and Thomas in November 1832, were from a family of seven children born to Daniel and Elizabeth Gamble. Daniel Gamble was described as a 'Weaver' or 'Stockinger' on early 19th Century censuses. An occupation more commonly referred to as a Framework Knitter,

Framework knitting was the birth of the modern hosiery industry in Britain. The first frame was invented in Nottingham by William Lee in 1559. Unable to secure a royal patent, due to the government's fear of the effect it would have on hand weavers, he died in poverty in Paris. His brother continued to successfully develop the design. The first frames were recorded in Leicestershire in 1640 and by the mid-18th Century there were over 1800 frames recorded in Leicestershire.

In rural communities framework knitting developed into a semi-skilled cottage industry employing whole families, quite frequently being the most prosperous employment in a village. In 1841 there were three families of framework knitters in Keyham; Gamble; Atkins and White.

By the early 1800's the industry had flourished with upwards of 20,000 frames in the East Midlands. This was to be the peak. The Post Napoleonic War recession and the increase in mechanisation saw a rapid decline in the industry briefly interrupted by the action of The Luddites and their attempt to stem the tide by smashing modern machinery. By the end of the 19th century the industry was wholly steam driven and factory based.

Rural knitters with their old, inflexible, narrow frames were hardest hit by the decline, particularly when the weaver rented the loom. Framework knitting became a by word for poverty giving rise to the phrase '*as poor as a stockinger*'.

The Gamble family were a prime example of the hardest hit rural framework knitting family. By 1861 the Gambles had abandoned the trade and were attempting to support their families as poorly paid farm labourers. A consequence of the framework knitting trade being a family business, was child labour was used to make ends meet, often at the expense of the child's education. The majority of the Gamble family were illiterate. Demonstrated over the years by the family's entries in the Parish Registers where their entries were almost uniformly signed with an 'X'.

To escape this poverty John Gamble enlisted in The Navy on the 4th March 1843 at the age of 18. He was described as being '5 feet 7 ¼ inches tall with brown hair, hazel eyes, a fresh complexion with a mole on his neck below his ear'.

The Royal Navy at the time was the largest fleet the world had seen and was referred to as the 'Wooden Wall of England'.

His naval career lasted for 14 years, in what was often a brutal world. There are no records of his service, but he would have undoubtedly travelled the globe in the protection of British trade routes from the Arctic to India.

Campaigns that the Royal Navy were involved during the period in which John Gamble could have served include:

- 1843-1857 Anti Slave Trade operations in West and East Africa
- 1838–1841 1st Anglo-Chinese War (Opium War)
- 1841 Niger Campaign
- 1845 Uruguayan Campaign
- 1852 Anglo-Burmese War
- 1854-1856 Russian (Crimean) War include campaigns in Baltic and Pacific
- 1856–1860 2nd Anglo-Chinese War (Opium War)

Though, without documentary evidence it is equally probable he could have spent his entire career on the Woolwich ferry or working in the stores at Chatham.

The circumstances of his discharge from the service on the 20th March 1857 are unclear. The reasons given for the majority of the discharges of his contemporaries include '*invalidity*' and '*length of service*'. John Gamble's discharge reason was '*branded*'. Possibly, this meant '*flogging before discharge*'. Corporal punishment was a mainstay of naval discipline in the early 1800's. Hanging (from the yard arm) was only abolished in 1860 and flogging during peacetime was not discontinued until 1881.

Thomas Gamble chose to join the army and enlisted in the First Regiment of Dragoons in 1851. The regiment could trace its history back to 1661 when it was raised by Charles II from veteran horsemen from the Parliamentary Army of the Civil War and continued as regiment until its merge with The Blues and Royals in 1969.

The census of 1851 records Thomas as being stationed at the cavalry barracks at Nottingham Park in Nottingham. His rank is record as groom, which is the rank at which a private joins a cavalry regiment.

Thomas's army career lasted for 6 years during which time he rose to the rank of sergeant.

The regiment had seen action in Tangiers, Ireland, Belgium, Austria, Spain and at Waterloo. During Thomas's career the regiment was home garrisoned with one period of overseas deployment, which probably saw Thomas involved in one of the most infamous days in British military history.

Between 1854 and 1856 the regiment fought in the Crimean War. Having risen to the rank of Sergeant by 1857, at the time of the Crimean War, Thomas would have probably been a horseman and been involved in the events of the 25th October 1854.

On the 25th October 1854, General Pavel Liprandi with 25,000 men of the Russian army launched an attack on the British supply port of Balaklava. The assault broke through the defences of the Turkish army before being confronted by the British last line of defence in the form of the 94th Highland Regiment of foot. The Highlanders were massively outnumbered, and rather than form a square of 4 rows, instead lined up in 2 rows. Although, spread thinly they managed to fire two volleys which were enough to halt the advance of the Russian Cavalry. The incident gave rise to the phrase, '*the thin red line*'.

The Dragoons were classed as Heavy Cavalry or more aptly 'Shock Cavalry'. Their purpose was to deliver cavalry charges in to the enemy at such speeds and with such ferocity as to disperse them and force them into retreat.

After the Highlanders had turned the Russian Cavalry, The Heavy Brigade which consisted of The Dragoon regiments and possibly, Thomas Gamble then charged the Russians. Although the 300 men of the Heavy brigade were facing over 3,000 Russian horsemen and their charge never got above a trot, its effect was dramatic with the Russian scattering.

Although immortalised in a poem by Tennyson, The Charge of the Heavy Brigade is little remembered due to what happened only a couple of hours later with Lord Raglan's order to The Light Brigade.

'Cavalry to advance rapidly to the front'

In order to prevent the retreating Russians from taking the heavy artillery they had captured with them. Lord Raglan ordered The Light Brigade to charge. What Lord Raglan did not know, was his Cavalry Commanders could not see the guns of the retreating Russians only the heavily defended Russian guns in the next valley and duly charged.

"Forward, the Light Brigade!

"Charge for the guns!" he said:

Into the valley of Death

Rode the six hundred."

Tennyson – The Charge of The Light Brigade

Surrounded by Russian guns on three sides, 260 men of the 673 involved in the charge were killed or wounded.

A legacy of The Charge, years later, was the highlighting of the plight of veterans when it was reported that many of the survivors were living in poverty and on charity. This led to fund raising works by Tennyson and Kipling and eventually to the provision of military pensions.

Thomas Gamble left the army on the 7th April 1857. He was awarded a pension of 10 shillings and 6 pence, but only for 2 years.

What happened to the Gambles after their service is not known. They did not return to Keyham, as by this time his family had moved away.

George Guilford, John Gamble and Thomas Gamble took enormous risks to leave a steady, yet poverty stricken life in Keyham. They made a devil's bargain in risking life and limb against years of travel and experience of the world. It is inconceivable to imagine the thoughts and emotions of a person whose only experience was farming the fields of Keyham without the benefits of modern media mages to find themselves living in the West Indies, sailing across the Pacific Ocean. Experiences that only presented themselves again to modern Keyham-ites in the late 20th Century.