

## MINGLE AND JINGLE

**It's party time in Keyham**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2pm -6pm**

**Keyham village hall**

Don't forget your delicious **bring and share** savoury feast and scrumptious homemade desserts for the buffet table

&

**Bring along** your choice of festive tipples or soft drinks

### **Festivities**

**Welcome drink (provided)**

**Christmas feast (bring & share)**

**12 days of Christmas chaos**

**Table Games**

**Deserts**

**MUSICAL CHAIRS**

**Relax with a mince pie and a glass of port (provided)**

**Before walking home and having a snooze**

All Villagers and family welcome

HO HO HO!

RSVP Samantha 07837777859

### **Chairman's Report**

#### **Crematorium Proposal**

An appropriate response, objecting to this application was forwarded to Harborough on behalf of Keyham Parish.

Whether there is a need for an additional crematorium or not, the proposed location is totally inappropriate for such a building for a multitude of reasons that have been clearly documented, in the above, and in the many well thought out articulated objections from Keyham and Scraftoft residents.

In contrast the tactics of the applicants have been to flood the planning website with a plethora of 'supporting' comments, many containing very little or no substance, in an apparent attempt to outnumber the objections.

I have been communicating with local councillors Galton and Elliott (Scraftoft) who have confirmed that this application will be discussed at the HDC Planning Committee Meeting, thus providing an opportunity for me to speak on behalf of Keyham if necessary.

**Tony Johnson**

## All Saints Church

### THE FEAST OF KEYHAM

Anyone planning a visit to Keyham between 1878 and 1880 would have been well advised to consult Wright's directory. The directory was a combination of a commercial and general directory and a tourist guide for 'Leicester and 6 miles around'. Wright's Directories were superseded by Kelly's Directories which were published annually until the late 20th Century.

By consulting the directory, the visitor would have known that 'Keyham is a scattered village, township and chapelry' with a population of 147; Flint's ran a cart service between Leicester and Keyham every Wednesday and Saturday; Letters arrive on foot from Leicester at 9:00 am and the post collected at 4:30pm; The church is a small and ancient building with a service on Sunday at 11am and 3pm alternatively, with sacrament 6 times a year; The vicar was the Reverend W.L. Rolleston and the Lord of the manor was The Reverend John Babbington of Rothley; with Michael Wildbore being busy acting as parish clerk, schoolmaster, grazier and more importantly landlord of the Dog and Gun.

To make the most of their visit it should be planned for November because:

'The feast is about the third week in November'

Feasts were public holidays and mostly in celebration of the church's saint's day. In medieval times this would have been a very robust affairs held in the church grounds based around feasting and drinking, accompanied by games and competition including archery and wrestling.

As well as a spiritual enterprise they were also financial ones. The food was prepared by the church along with the brewing of a special beer, a 'Church' or 'Parish' ale. The prepared food and beer were sold to the parishioners by the church wardens with the aim of raising funds for the church.

The resulting rowdiness and often brawling that accompanied the feast became less acceptable during The Reformation and through to the Victorian era. The feasting and Church Ales did continue through the centuries, but were hosted in purpose built buildings away from church grounds called 'church houses'. There are examples of these church houses still existing and continuing these activities, although these days we refer to them as pubs. Pubs that were originally created as a church house often still have an ecclesiastical related name such as The Bell, The Mitre or The Cross Keys.

The Feast would be one of the few holidays that most villagers had. Holidays were based around Christian festivals and/or Quarter days that split up the year and had legal and spiritual significance dating back to Celtic times including Candlemas, Shrove Tuesday, Lady Day (Feast of Annunciation), Easter, Midsummer Day, Michaelmas Day and Christmas.

The dedication of churches to Saints can be traced back to the earliest days of Christianity in the 3rd century AD when Christians met at graves of the holy or later at places where Christian missionaries preached. As the faith developed and more saints were beatified churches were dedicated to local saint, such as Saint Hilda (Whitby), Saint Bede (Northumbria) or Saint Werburga (Chester). A saint could have a connection with a trade or industry associated with a local community. Coastal communities often have a church dedicated to Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of fishermen and sailors.

The church in Keyham is not dedicated to a single saint but to All Saints. These are the saints that are known or unknown and specifically for those that do not have their own Saint's day.

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All Saints day is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. Its archaic name is All Hallows. The celebration starts on the evening of 31<sup>st</sup> October which was referred to as All Hallows Eve, which over the years has developed into Halloween. The day after All Saints Day is All Souls Day. During the day, families visit graves of loved ones, prayers offered, and alms given for the recently departed whose souls were in purgatory i.e. limbo between earth and heaven waiting to be purged of their sins before they are judged.

After the reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and England's break from the Roman Catholic Church, the veneration of saints and prayers for the dead was vigorously suppressed and Allhallowtide (the name given to the period between 31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November) fell out of favour due to its catholic connotations. Although is still celebrated within the Church of England, but more as a celebration of those who believe they have seen the power of God at work and to commemorate the departed.

There is however a problem with celebrating Allhallowtide as Keyham's Feast day. The dates don't match.

Allhallowtide is the 31<sup>st</sup> October to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November while Keyham's Feast is identified as the third week in November.

The answer to the mismatch could probably be traced back to the Reformation and The Puritans who followed. The Puritans believed the reformation should go further in removing Catholic practices from the Church of England. They particular objected to the veneration of saints which they saw as idolatry and the breaking of the second commandment

'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.' - Exodus 20:4

Puritan Commissioners were sent out from Cromwell's Commonwealth Government (1653-1659) in London with the sole objective of destroying any catholic references in churches across England. Any art work, statue, symbol or stained glass that they believed even suggested 'Papism' was destroyed. Images included were those of angels, stars and saints. This went as far as removing any reference to a saint in a church's name, the exception being in large towns where the church gave its name to an area. In Keyham, the church would simply be 'Keyham Church'.

As a result, by the 18<sup>th</sup> Century most rural church's dedicated saints had been forgotten. By the 19<sup>th</sup> Century however, there was a reaction against industrialisation and nostalgia for a simpler and more innocent time represented by the spirituality of the medieval church.

This led to a resurgence of church building, a spate of church restorations and the revival of dedications not only for new churches but old churches too.

Some original names were rediscovered through parish records or inscriptions on the altar. Others were given the more general dedications such as All Saint's, which after St Mary's is the second most common dedication in English churches.

Who could be Keyham's lost saint celebrated so enthusiastically in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November for almost six centuries?

The church was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century during the Norman occupation, but the village name is of Anglo-Saxon origin. The village name translates to Cæga's farmstead. If Cæga did exist he would have probable been originally from or had connections with Anglia in Southern Denmark. The Angles settled East Anglia and much of the East Midlands and had their own King. Edmund, King of Angles. Edmund died fighting the 'heathen' Viking armies in 869AD at Hoxne in Suffolk and became a saint. A saint who would have been known to the Anglo-Saxon inhabitants of Keyham, and whose saint's day is celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.



The only current reference in the church to a saint is the stained glass window in the south wall. The window depicts St Martin of Tours. St Martin was a Roman soldier who cut his cloak in half to share with a blind beggar. The window is late Victorian and represents a memorial to Roger Miles of Keyham Hall, rather than a connection to the church's past. Also, St Martin's saint's day falls on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The reality is we'll probably never know the lost saint of Keyham.

So how to celebrate 'The Feast of Keyham'?

Taking a day or two off on the 1st November to celebrate Allhallowstide and another one on the 20th November for St Edmund's day with appropriate feasting and drinking appears to be the most pragmatic solution.

**Steve Bailey**

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

The yearly **Service of Remembrance for Keyham and Hungarton** will be held at 9 o'clock on 10<sup>th</sup> November by the War Memorial in Hungarton

Our next service at Keyham All Saints will be **Holy Communion** at 10:30am on November 17<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6:30pm, we are holding our **Annual Lights Service**. Villagers and their families and friends are welcome to come and light a candle for friends or relatives who have passed away

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

## Closing Year Update on Keyham Charities from the Chairman

After a very expensive year for the charity, replacing and refurbishing heaters to up-to-date EPC levels, replacing all wood burning stoves and lining chimneys for all the cottages for safety and a complete overhaul of the bathroom and roof of number 1, funds within the Trust have been severely depleted.

Due to the exceptional but essential spending, the Trustees have decided the Trust needs a period of minimal spending so as to rebuild reserves for any major dilapidation or event over the next two years with the cottages.

It is the intention of the Trustees to continue to deliver both benefits from Keyham Relief in Need (KRIN) for those in genuine need, and also support for educational need for young and old from Keyham Educational Funds (KEF), both KRIN and KEF being beneficiaries of the Trust funds generated by the rental income from the charity cottages, albeit at lower levels than may have been previously evidenced.

The Trustees will continue to support village activities wherever possible financially, but most likely at a reduced level of expenditure.

So, and in the context of the Pensioners' Christmas get together, we will be hosting a buffet lunch this year supplied by the Trust, with all drinks respectfully payable please by those wishing to attend.

Primarily this is very much a social event and we hope many of those eligible (aged 60 and over) will be able to attend and catch up with friends and neighbours and join in the festive activities on the day. **The date of the event will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon, with buffet from 12.30pm at the Dog and Gun.**

**If you wish to attend then please reply to Margaret Hughes [jandm.hughes@btinternet.com](mailto:jandm.hughes@btinternet.com) NO LATER THAN December 3<sup>rd</sup> please and advise too of any allergies, vegetarian or vegan preferences.**

Wishing you every joy for the Christmas period and 2025!  
Thank you.

**John Stanfield, Chairman Keyham Charities**

**And lastly, Richard Windle has served on Keyham Charities since 1989. In recent months he made known his intention to stand down. Applauded by his fellow Trustees at a recent meeting, Richard was thanked for his dedicated commitment and valued contribution.**

## Leicester Half Marathon

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October I completed the Leicester Half Marathon. Right up until the day before, organisers had been concerned about the weather and safety as a result of significant flooding. On the Thursday before the run I received notification that the run had been cancelled.

Fortunately, the rain held off and thanks to the determination of the events team the message came through Friday that the run was back on! The weather on the day of the event couldn't have been more ideal, cold but dry, ideal for a long run. I'm not going to lie, it wasn't easy. This was the longest distance I've ran for a number of years and no amount of training fully prepares you. I've purposely selected photos that don't show the pain on my face.



Will I do it again? Absolutely. Despite no events now until 2025 I'm still running and can't wait to beat my own personal best. **Jo**



## Ahmed

It occurred to me that given recent topical news concerning the Middle East, that KN readership might be interested to revisit Keyham's linear connection with this sad and troubled part of our joint home on this Earth. **Geoff and Sue**

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## A bitter road

Sunday July 7, 2019

Today, Novy Sad to Belgrade, 51 miles.

I am acutely aware that this trip south that I am taking to Lebanon, is covering in reverse the same ground that countless middle eastern refugees have in the past few years, tried to migrate north. I am riding for fun, they were fleeing war, persecution and poverty. I knew that sooner or later my path would cross with that of a refugee.



Meet Ahmed Zaher. I got chatting with Ahmed in my evening restaurant. Ahmed is 26 years old and is a Palestinian refugee. He has never been to Palestine and was born in the Al Rashidiya refugee camp near Tyre in Lebanon. Ahmed's parents and grandparents were also born at the camp.

Ahmed explained that Palestinians have no civil rights in Lebanon. I repeat, no civil rights. They are state-less persons and officially and routinely discriminated against by their host country. The more than 450,000 Palestinians living in Lebanon are denied Lebanese citizenship, and are legally barred from owning property or working in dozens of professions.

Ahmed followed a tortuous path to Serbia. He was bought, traded and betrayed by people traffickers. He came through Syria during some of the most intense fighting in the ongoing civil war. Some of his friends tried to get to Turkey or the EU (Greece) by boat. Some of his friends were drowned. Ahmed was imprisoned in Turkey and was then in a Lesbos refugee camp. He entered Hungary legally, was interned in a camp, processed as to whether he was a true refugee (as opposed to a mere economic migrant), after several appeals he was sent back to Serbia. Ahmed believes that the Hungarian immigration rules have the semblance of the rule of law, but are in reality a lip-service façade that is designed to refuse asylum. Back in Serbia Ahmed tried to travel across Bosnia. His ultimate dream is to settle in Switzerland. Ahmed was arrested in Bosnia, tried and sentenced to 8 days in prison then deportation - or pay a fine. Ahmed paid the fine and was returned, destitute, to Serbia. He could not afford the bus fare back to Belgrade and was hungry and sleeping rough at the border town. Ultimately a kind Samaritan helped him back to his feet, gave him cover, food and the fare back to Belgrade. Ahmed now works in Belgrade and has no desire to leave Serbia. He says that his presence is tolerated as long as he works. Ahmed does not believe that he will ever be granted citizenship by his adopted country. All that Ahmed wants is a stable environment that is implicit in simple citizenship. He was born stateless, he wants to lose that status, put down roots, earn a living, get married and raise a family. Ahmed has been on the road now for the past 3 years.

## Dog and Gun News

### New Winter Menu

STARTERS		<b>DOG AND GUN KITCHEN</b>		BURGERS			
<b>CHORIZO AND GARLIC KING PRAWNS</b>	£9.00	<hr/> <b>MAIN MENU</b> <hr/>		<b>SIGNITURE CHEESE BURGER</b>	£16.00		
<small>In a rich tomato sauce with garlic ciabatta. (GFO)</small>				<small>served in a brioche bun with seasoned fries, house slaw and onion rings (GFO)</small>			
<b>CREAMY GARLIC AND CHEDDAR MUSHROOMS</b>	£8.00			<b>HOT HONEY CHICKEN BURGER</b>	£16.00		
<small>Oven baked with toasted bloomer. (V/GFO)</small>				<small>With cheddar cheese, crispy bacon, shoestring onions, relish and gherkins.</small>			
<b>SMOKED HADDOCK AND MOZARELLA FISHCAKE</b>	£9.00			<b>STILTON AND MUSHROOM BURGER</b>	£16.00		
<small>With tenderstem Broccoli and hollandaise sauce.</small>				<small>With crispy bacon, smoked cheese, shoestring onions and paprika mayo.</small>			
<b>PAN FRIED AUBERGINE AND COURGETTE</b>	£8.00			<b>HOUSE VEGAN BURGER</b>	£15.00		
<small>In rich tomato and mozzarella sauce with garlic ciabatta. (VGN/V/GFO)</small>				<small>With avocado, vegan cheese, shoestring onions, Sriracha mayo and gherkins.</small>			
NIBBLES & SIDES				<b>PUB CLASSICS</b>		<b>FROM THE SEA</b>	
<b>HOT HONEY CHICKEN STRIPS WITH GARLIC MAYO</b>	£5.00			<b>DIJON AND MUSHROOM CHICKEN</b>	£16.00	<b>HOUSE BEER BATTERED COD</b>	£15.00
<b>SEASONED FRIES</b>	£4.00	<small>Over creamy mash and with seasonal veg.</small>		<small>Served with chunky chips, mushy peas and tartar. (GFO)</small>			
<b>THICK CUT CHIPS</b>	£4.00	<b>SEARED PORK LOIN</b>	£17.00	<b>WHOLETAIL SCAMPI</b>	£15.00		
<b>SPINACH, GREEN BEAN, BROCCOLI AND PICKLED CABBAGE SALAD</b>	£4.50	<small>Over potato fritters, honey glazed carrots, garden peas, sage and onion stuffing and meaty gravy. (GFO)</small>		<small>Served with chunky chips, garden peas and tartar.</small>			
<b>BEER BATTERED ONION RINGS</b>	£4.00	<b>CHICKEN, LEEK AND PORTABELLO MUSHROOM PIE</b>	£17.00	<b>PAN SEERED SEABASS</b>	£18.00		
<b>GARLIC BREAD LOAF WITH MOZARELLA AND RED ONION CHUTNEY</b>	£5.00	<small>with chunky chips, seasonal veg and meaty gravy.</small>		<small>Served with crispy potato fritters, garden peas, tenderstem Broccoli and a creamy white wine sauce. (GFO)</small>			
<b>HOUSE SIDE SALAD</b>	£4.00	<b>BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND LENTIL WELLINGTON</b>	£15.00	<b>GRILL</b>			
		<small>Served over creamy mash, seasonal veg, parsnips and mushroom gravy. (V/VGN)</small>		<small>Served with thick chips, grilled tomatoes, mushrooms and garden peas. (GFO)</small>			
		<b>HOMEMADE SWEET POTATO, AUBERGINE AND CHICKPEA CURRY</b>	£15.00	<b>SIRLOIN 8OZ</b>	£18.00		
		<small>Served with white rice, poppadoms and mango chutney. (V/VGN/GFO)</small>		<b>GAMMON 10OZ</b>	£17.00		
				<small>Served with fried egg and grilled pineapple.</small>			
				<b>MIXED GRILL</b>	£23.00		
				<small>8oz sirloin, 5oz gammon, duo of Cumberland and an egg.</small>			
				<b>SURF AND TURF</b>	£21.00		
				<small>8oz sirloin with a choice of whole tail scampi or garlic butter tail on prawns.</small>			
				<small>Add Peppercorn, Stilton, Diane or Beef dripping sauce £3</small>			

Please ask a member of our team for advice on dietary requirements. (GFO- glutenfree optional, V- vegetarian, VGN- vegan)

### Farewell Finlay



## Italian Job #1

Just back from our train trip to Puglia which is just about as far as you can go down to the heel of Italy.



And took some photos. These are the weird conical roofed Trulli houses you see all over the countryside and in this town Alberobello.



And even in the cities.



We spent a couple of days in Matera where James Bond got shot at in his bullet proof car



But we found it a lot more peaceful.

**Edna and Richard**



## Italian Job #2

We have just spend a lovely week in Sardinia with Rob, Sheila and Eden on their yacht, Subaru.



Margaret at the helm assisted by Rob



Subaron is berthed near Alghero


**John and Margaret**



# KEYHAM NEWS

**THE CAST-OFFS DRAMA GROUP**  
Invite you to an evening of comedy 'Murder Mystery' in their  
1940s themed stage production of .....

**JAM AND  
JEOPARDY!**



**FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER AT 7.30 PM  
& SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER AT  
3PM (MATINEE).**

AT MAYFLOWER METHODIST CHURCH, ETHEL RD, LEIG, LE5 5ND  
TICKETS: **ADULTS £7 / CHILD £4** (OR PAY ON THE DOOR)  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE AVAILABLE DURING INTERVALS

The Cast-offs latest production; all money raised will go to the charity Bowel Cancer UK.  
Tickets from Blackthorn Farm

**Romance and Intrigue**  
**Saturday 30th November 2024 at 7:30pm**  
Emmanuel Church, Forest Road,  
Loughborough LE11 3NW



**Glinka**  
Russlan and Ludmilla Overture

**Glazunov**  
Concert Waltz No.2

**Tchalkovsky**  
Rococo Variations

**Rimsky-Korsakov** Scheherazade

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

Tickets from Sheila at Wayside

THORPE SATCHVILLE VILLAGE HALL  
Invites you to join us for our  
**AUTUMN CHARITY**  
*Fashion*  
**SHOW**

14th November  
7 - 10 PM  
Thorpe Satchville Village Hall  
£5.00 per ticket, including  
complimentary glass of fizz!

Join us for a fantastic event! Every  
penny raised helps keep our hall running  
smoothly. Plus, you can shop the latest  
clothing range, all modelled by local  
residents. Don't miss out!

Purchase your tickets by contacting  
Annie, 07871 277177  
or Susan, 07932 509015.

Tickets from Margaret at The Lodge

## Jazz in the Church



The Titanic Jazz Band

Thank you again to Mike Jerman and his fellow musicians for their generosity in giving us a wonderful evening of traditional jazz, with trombone, clarinet, guitar bass and vocals, synchronising and improvising well known songs.



The mood was mellow, especially after the wine and snacks, and generous villagers and friends raised £240 for the Church Tower Fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening in many ways!

Claire

## Jamie's Joke

This old man in his eighties got up and was putting on his coat. His wife said, "Where are you going?" He said, "I'm going to the doctor." And she said, "Why? Are you sick?" "No," he said. "I'm going to get me some of those new Viagra pills." So his wife got up out of her rocker and was putting on her sweater and he said, "Where are you going?" She said, "I'm going to the doctor too." He said, "Why?" She said, "If you're going to start using that rusty old thing again, I'm going to get a tetanus shot."

## Camino de Compostela

This is St. James the Apostle in the cathedral of Santiago in North Western Spain. It is the destination of any of Caminos de Compostela.

Two old dears from Hungarton, **Yvonne and Fay**, have just returned from doing the Camino Ingles (the English Way).

It was 113kms from Ferol to Santiago and it took us eight days. Quite challenging, hot and dry but so glad to have done this pilgrimage.



## The Darkest Hour

Eleven strikes for those  
who are there to hear  
but for others it was noon  
as the time they met their fate  
creating then a silence  
to which we now relate.



## Model Bulbs

Sewn in neat display  
and planted on a catwalk  
they are seen as beauty  
until the winds of fashion  
create some wilting stems  
and blow their leaves away  
to be left in disarray  
until the spring returns  
with refreshing breezes  
when they grow to flower again.

## Shades of Blue

Seeing seas and sky  
meeting at horizons  
prompts me to believe  
I can lose my gravity  
as the soul is raised  
to realise eternity  
until the heavens open  
and it starts to rain again.

## Oddly

## Keyham News Deadline

The deadline for  
KN December edition is  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Articles and photographs to  
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## Tea for Two at Blenheim Palace

Blenheim Palace, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located next to Woodstock, in the parish of Blenheim, Oxfordshire.

John and I both enjoy visiting heritage and cultural sites in the UK and Europe so tea at Blenheim Palace was the perfect gift.

We began our visit with a tour of the Palace. The staterooms decor took you through a journey of the world giving us an insight into the travels of those who have resided at Blenheim Palace throughout the years. The Palace has also been used for a number of television series and those familiar with Bridgerton will definitely recognise the Dining Hall and Library.

Unfortunately, we were unable to visit the Italian formal gardens as a number of areas were closed for half term. We did get to explore the water terraces and lake. The scenery was stunning, making the most of the autumnal landscapes

One more stop before tea was to visit the Churchill exhibition. Winston Churchill was born in the Palace in 1874 and had great affection for Blenheim, often hosting lavish dinner parties in the Hall but also partaking in quieter, reflective time writing and painting.



Finally, our day ended in the Orangery for Afternoon Tea, where we were served finger sandwiches, cream teas and of course a selection of very tasty cakes. No doggy bag this time, we ate the lot.



Jo and John

## Daryl and Friend on Holkham Beach

Here are some pictures of Daryl and her friend Cassia and the horses Emina and Kaluha.

We recently took the horses to the seaside (Holkham Beach) - both girls and horses had a fantastic time.

### **Lynette**

