

## All Saints Church Keyham

Open again at last

Easter Day Service

10am Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Please join us

Masks and social distancing please



### Church Flower Group

Great news! After a very long winter, the flower group can once again burst into bloom ready for the church service on Easter Sunday.

The church will be open from 0900 on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13.00. I think it would be better to actually complete your arrangements at home at all possible and carry them up to reduce the amount of time that is spent in the church. However, if that is not an option, if some of us are able to do this, anything is a help. If anyone needs a help transporting their arrangements, I'm very happy to help.

All anti-Covid provision will be available: hand sanitiser and masks on entering.

As you know, there has been movement within and out of the village, and I think we will need to regroup to see how many active members we have. We can then ensure all the spaces are covered.

Personally, I find working with flowers really uplifting, and so for those who feel they can't provide the complete fulfilment of a place on the rota, we are now able to double up for support, company and inspiration ... be it in each other's gardens!

If anyone would like to join us, double up, just find out more about the group, please feel free to contact me:

**Sarah 2595615, it would be really great to hear from you!**

## **Light at the end of the tunnel...**

Spring has always been a season where we begin to see signs of hope in the buds and first leaves, in a way it is the light at the end of the winter tunnel.

However we all know that it is foolish to believe at the first leaf that the winter weather has gone – I can remember a fair few 'White Easter Sundays' possibly more than I can remember 'White Christmas' I think! Signs of hope as we move forward out of what has been a very strange and for some extremely difficult time are most important but I'm conscious that I don't want to get ahead of where we really are, I need to live in the present no matter how hard that might be.

Those of you who have experienced bereavement in this time will know how hard that has been, restrictions, the fact it's hard to even let people know and last but by no means least the distance we have to keep.

All of these things will pass, we will see light not just at the end of the tunnel but we will find ourselves walking in light again, chatting, hugging, singing – all these will come, the hard things is we still don't know when.

We are hoping and planning to have a physical service in Church on Easter day at 10am – you will be able to come in person! We are of course keeping all the covid-secure measures required but I still hope for a time of celebration together even if we can't yet sing together.

This Easter will no doubt still be different, as Christmas was, but I look with hope for the signs of change and long with all of you for the time when we can meet without restriction and celebrate together.

I continue to pray for our whole community, every blessing

**Revd Alison**

## Chairman's Update April 2021

### **Would you like to be Parish Meeting Chairman?**

Following a change in personal commitments, I am experiencing challenges in providing time and flexibility to the role as chairman. Considering this, I have come to the decision to step down.

I have really enjoyed the role, met some great people to collaborate with, learned a lot and thankful for the opportunity.

It is a difficult decision, however there are village matters which need time I am struggling to make available to do the role and our village justice.

If you would like to express interest and/or have a chat about the role, please email me [chairman@keyhamparish.org.uk](mailto:chairman@keyhamparish.org.uk) before 15<sup>th</sup> April and we can meet/talk.

I can maintain administration duties for the next month to ensure bills etc are paid.

Deadline for the AGM is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 so we have time to complete a handover to an interim chairman until formal election at the AGM.

In the instance more than one person would like to take on the role I will seek advice on how to proceed.

### **Manor Farm, Beeby, chicken farm planning application**

A consultation meeting for this application concluded with an approval decision. The Manor Farm Action Group are seeking to challenge the application hence the crowd funding site. This group is extremely focussed on fighting the development in a legal manner and so I encourage support for the group if we are to stand a chance in halting this development. (See page 4 for more information – Ed).

### **Planning Applications**

#### **Works to trees**

The Cottage Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ

Ref. No: 21/00251/TCA | Validated: Mon 08 Feb 2021 | Status: Approved

#### **New access, driveway and hardstanding with fencing and gates (part retrospective)**

Open for comment

Land Adjacent Pumping Station Snows Lane Keyham Leicestershire

Ref. No: 20/02028/FUL | Validated: Fri 18 Dec 2020 | Status: Approved

**Anna**

[chairman@keyhamparish.org.uk](mailto:chairman@keyhamparish.org.uk)

## Better Call Robbie

Robbie Varnam from Kings Lane tells KN that he is offering all sorts of services as part of his new enterprise (see flyer below).

He has been undertaking various jobs (not just landscaping) for neighbours, the church and the village hall over the past few months. If you need help with something, give him a call or email him.

[robbievarnam@gmail.com](mailto:robbievarnam@gmail.com)



The flyer for Keyham Landscaping features a blue border and a central tree logo. The text is arranged in a list format, separated by horizontal lines. At the bottom, contact information is provided.

**Keyham Landscaping**

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**Digger and operator hire**

**Garden maintenance**

**Digger work**

**Tree work**

**Paving and driveways**

**Fencing**

**Turfing**

**Site clearance**

**Mobile: 07984600382**

**Telephone: 0116 2595332**

## Hail "Husky-Roo"

Following the success of the pub's takeaway service during lockdown, Jason and Angela are planning to enhance this service to embrace modern technology.

Having moved to a property without a lawn, Jason has a lawnmower that is no longer of any use. That mower (model HV-AF 010421) is an automatic device manufactured by the Swedish firm Husqvarna. The mower is lovingly known as "Husky".



*Here's Husky! Pre-modification*

The plan is to adapt and modify Husky to deliver meals from the pub to customers in Keyham without the need for either Angela or Jason to leave the pub. This means they can devote all their energies to serving beer. Cheers!

The menu will be extended to celebrate Husky's arrival and will include ***Prime-cut of Beef with all the Trimmings as "Husky's Special"***.

Customers are asked order online and provide the GPS co-ordinates of their property so that Husky doesn't get lost. When Husky arrives at your house a Lupine Klaxon will sound. Once delivery is complete customers will be asked to press the HOME button. However, if Husky's battery is below 25% you are asked to plug him in until he is fully recharged.

In addition, residents who park their cars on the roadside are asked to check their mow-tour insurance schedule and ensure that it includes cover for "collisions with driverless cars and other robotic devices".

**Shaggy-Dog (name, address and GPS co-ordinates supplied)**



*Husky's Trailer*

*(will have a dog-proof cover for orders containing sausages)*

## Intensive Poultry Units and Anaerobic Digester at Manor Farm Beeby

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) received 97 objections to the intensive poultry units and anaerobic digester at Manor Farm. These are not available to view online and we don't know if the councillors who made the decision ever asked to see them. Certainly the summary of the objections in the report to the council's Development Control and Regulatory Board did not reflect the range of opinion we have seen (through sharing responses). Despite presentations from two individuals and one parish council the Board made the decision to approve the application again.

You can watch the meeting here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd8jhuG4Jbs>

More than 700 people have watched it already.

We are a group of concerned local residents of Hungarton, Keyham and Beeby who believe the councillors who voted to approve the chicken farm were presented with an inadequate report and incorrect information at their board meeting.

We believe LCC's decision to allow this development:  
failed to protect the environment and residents;  
failed to consider the UK commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050 and the County Council's declaration of a Climate Change Emergency;  
ignored its own policies.

So we are raising money to fight the decision using a crowd funding website:

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/stop-the-development-at-manor-farm/>

Thanks to people's generosity we have now been able to instruct Richard Buxton Solicitors to work on a legal opinion. We expect to get advice from counsel soon.

"Chickens are gentle, sensitive individuals who feel fear and pain every bit as much as our beloved pets. No animal deserves to lie in their own waste or live in chronic pain." Chris Packham, English naturalist and TV personality.

**Caroline Pick and Ann Markee,  
on behalf of Manor Farm Action Group**

## Beeby Chicken Farm - how it will effect Keyham

Newer residents will be unaware that this is not the first time this plan has been put forward.

When I was parish meeting village chairman in 2016, myself and members of the village conservation committee along with our counterparts in Hungarton fought very hard to get this plan overturned, however, despite our best efforts it was approved, with LCC showing the same level of contempt to our objections as they appear to have done this time. Fortunately it didn't go ahead then as I believe the costs to the owner of manor farm were prohibitive at that time.

**The impact to our village other than the aesthetics and potential odours as outlined in the preceding article by Caroline Pick, will be from traffic and will effect Keyham far more than either Hungarton or Beeby.**

The route for the HGV's will be to turn off the A47 and take the road up to Billesdon Coplow and from there to the Ingarsby Road, turning right just past Kings Lane down Hungarton Lane and left at the top to the farm.

**During the peak periods of activity an estimated 17 HGV movements per day at approximately 1 per hour, would be passing the village. These movements would start in the early hours and then continue throughout the day. It is estimated that the annual total of movements will be approximately 1,000.**

Anyone that travels these roads will know that they are narrow, in bad repair and not suitable for HGV's. Additionally, walkers, bikers and horse riders who use Hungarton Lane and the road to Beeby will be impacted; the beautiful, peaceful, countryside around our village that has remained unchanged for decades will be threatened by this grotesque development.

**Given the decision to approve again by LCC, and based on our experiences in 2016, I would strongly urge residents to support the initiative to raise money for a legal challenge as this appears to be the only way to stop this.**

**Tony Johnson**

## Dog and Gun News

**Hello Keyham,**

As you are aware, our time in lockdown is now coming to an end. I have great pleasure in informing you all that we will be reopening our doors (or rather the garden) from 10am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. We will have all brand new furniture arriving in the first week of April, a brand new 3m x 9m gazebo (expected to arrive by 14/4/21) as an addition to our existing gazebo and table brollies. As we have no outdoor heating, we have purchased Birra Morreti blankets that will be available to hire with a £5 deposit.

As you are no doubt aware and most probably expect, we do have rules that customers must obey when visiting us. For the full list, please visit our Facebook page.

May I also take this opportunity to make you aware that until all restrictions are lifted (expected to be in June) we will be operating with a limited menu and not all of our draught products will be available. The only draught we will be stocking is Tiger bitter, Carling and San Miguel. Everything else, will be in bottles. In addition, we are suspending our delivery service until mid-July. Primarily this is because of staffing levels but also because we need to concentrate our efforts on increasing our trade as a pub.

We do have some very exciting events for you all to participate in. To celebrate Easter Sunday, we will be doing our own Easter Egg hunt on Saturday morning (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) from 10am. We will be hiding 15 standard sized Eggs (and 6 bottles of wine, just to make things a little more interesting for the adults!) around the village. We have decided that instead of doing an actual Easter menu, we will stick with our ordinary Sunday lunch menu where we will have four meats for you to choose from. We will also offer our normal Vegan and Gluten Free option.

Over the coming months, The Dog & Gun will be raising funds for a very special young man called Aston Walls. Aston is 15yrs old and suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a life limiting muscle wasting condition. Aston will probably not see past twenty five. He has recently (this month) under gone life saving spinal surgery in order to prolong his fragile young life. Aston's parent are close friends of mine, so this is a personal mission for us to help in any way we can. As part of our fundraising efforts we will be hosting charity fun days, raffle's BBQ's and putting on live entertainment. If you would like to help us in anyway, please get in touch. We are setting a target of five thousand pounds in five months. All money raised will be going towards Aston's care including specialised equipment and experience days.

I would like to end by thanking each and every one of you for your amazing support throughout the lockdown. Both Myself and Jason, feel genuinely humbled by the warmth that Keyham residents have shown us. We are deeply proud to be of service to you all. We cannot wait to see you in the garden on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Kind regards  
Angie & Jason**

## Farewell to Oddly

Our Bard's bowed out,

He's flown the tangled nest.

With Margaret his fair beau, they've journeyed on to  
test,

Pastures new – with sweet family about!

There's new prose to write, new muses to ponder!

All the World's a stage and onward we may wander.

Let their days be long, their summers fair.

Their winters cosy in good Hose lair.

**Anon**

(name and address supplied)

*Readers need not worry about missing their monthly  
"Oddly fix". KN and Oddly have created an "Oddly  
Poem Bank" to keep us going in the months to come.  
(Ed)*

### **Keyham News Deadline:**

The deadline for

KN May edition is

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

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## My Liverpool Auntie Dote

Often found in glasses  
she is a neat old lady  
as yet still to marry  
sitting on the shelf  
with her secrets for a life  
in a clear retort  
so those strong solutions  
are poured out with ease  
dispensing spicy matters  
with a hint of lavender  
to be used in mournings  
for any knight before.

## Paper Free

Sitting to communicate  
with everyone around  
disregards all privacy  
and ensures surveillance  
as you create an effluent  
to fertilise the world  
or just be flushed away.

## The Éclair Case

I do declare there's still one there  
the hostess said with relish  
and seeking to embellish  
her mien of magnitude  
offered it around  
but saying it would freeze  
from which we could deduce  
self interest ruled her way.

## High Proof

Grains of some imagined  
in the still of passion  
produce a heady spirit  
with the tang of faith  
which taken neat can blind  
so mix it with some reason  
and a slice of trust  
to satisfy your thirst  
with no risk to health.

**Oddly**