

## **All Saints Church, Keyham** **Annual Lights Remembrance Service**

Each year, we have the opportunity to come together to remember those we have known and loved and who are no longer with us.

Because of the Covid19 rules associated with church services and meetings in general, we are unable to hold the service as we have done before. However conditional upon present lockdown being eased as scheduled, we are planning to hold a Service on

**Sunday 6th December at 6 pm.**

Based on previous restrictions, if still appropriate, the service will proceed in the open in front of the church with a short prayer and reflection by Rev. Jeff Hopewell. Names of those to be remembered will be read and a candle will be lit in the church for them and lights on a Christmas tree by the church will be switched on. After the service the church will be open for those who wish to enter the church and see the lit candles. There should be adequate spacing for this within the church grounds and within earshot of Jeff. It is essential that people who are not from the same household adhere to the 2 meter distance rule and that everyone wears a mask. We would ask you to bring a torch or a lantern because of the risk of tripping on the path and the lawn. People going into the church should go in one household or family group at a time.

It is hoped that as many as possible can come even if the weather is poor.

If the restrictions have not been lifted then it will not be possible to have a service even outside the church. However candles will be lit and arrangements will be made to open the church that day so that people can come and offer a prayer for their loved one.

Please let me know of any friends or relatives you would like remembered at the service. The names of all those remembered will be entered into the Book of Remembrance.

**Richard Windle**  
[Chapwin@btinternet.com](mailto:Chapwin@btinternet.com)



Christmas Lights on Snows Lane Photo:Lynette

## **Church Flower Group**

Advent is nearly upon us, and so is the Carol Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. Due to Covid restrictions, please would you ensure that your Christmas arrangements are completed by the evening of December 20<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks, I'm sure they will look lovely as always!

**Sarah**



Christmas Tree at Blackthorn Farm Photo:Lynette

# KEYHAM NEWS

## December... like no other

It seems over used this year that phrase but when I look back it really isn't. None of us have ever known anything quite like this before.

As Vicar I am used to a busy December with the delight of family life, visiting my parents, collecting my university age children, watching the performances of my children who are still at school with only my diary constraints to think about.

This year each and every one of those is covered by new laws and special Government guidance – the latest I am still waiting for as we have discovered all of us are in the new Tier 3!

Despite not having the guidance yet I know that we can't wait so...

Knowing that every plan in 2020 has to be held lightly we are working on the following assumptions:

We won't be allowed to sing in Church – but Radio Leicester will be doing 'Sing Christmas – at home'  
<http://www.singchristmas.org.uk/>

We are not allowed to have worship services in other places so there is no Crib service and of course that service always involves food and sharing which we just can't do this year.

We CAN do services in Church (even in Tier 3) so on

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm we will have the Keyham Carol Service,**

we know we can't get everyone in church but we have wifi so if anyone knows how to live stream to YouTube please tell Richard Windle and we'll try to make that happen (there is a Launde Deanery Schools and Churches YouTube channel already in place!).

Christmas Day Service should be able to happen with measures in place –

### **Hungarton will host the Christmas Day Communion at 9.30am for the Parish of Hungarton and Keyham,**

members of both villages are welcome. We will have limited capacity.

There will be a Church service on Zoom at 11am for anyone who prefers that the link can be sent to you if you contact Julia Unna (who is now my admin person) [Julia.Unna@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Julia.Unna@LeicesterCofE.org)

In all of this though I have to say what has not changed this Christmas is that I will as always keep you all in my prayers, I will not be in Hungarton on Christmas Day, I will be in Billesdon at 10am and you are welcome there for a simple All Age service of just half an hour. 2021 will no doubt bring us new and different challenges and I look forward to being your Vicar and discovering them with you.

Prayers for a blessed Christmas.

**Rev'd Alison**

## **Chairman's Monthly Update: December**

Repairs of the pot holes and highway sign as reported in last month's KN have taken place. The highways sign which has been collided into on Hungarton Lane just before the junction with Ingarsby Road has been reported to LCC.

Consultation to invest £450m in improving Leicester hospitals has reached its halfway milestone. The consultation runs until 21<sup>st</sup> December, more information and the ability to provide feedback before this date are available via the consultation website: [www.betterhospitalsleicester.nhs.uk](http://www.betterhospitalsleicester.nhs.uk)

### **Planning applications:**

#### **Works to trees (fell)**

The Cottage Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ

Ref. No: 20/01781/TCA | Validated: Tue 10 Nov 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

#### **Work to trees**

5 Kings Lane Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JP

Ref. No: 20/01681/TCA | Validated: Thu 22 Oct 2020 | Status: Pending Decision

#### **Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use of a dwelling (C3) not built in compliance with plans submitted with BR/03621/BRDC**

Keyham Manor Snows Lane Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JS

Ref. No: 20/01647/CLU | Validated: Wed 21 Oct 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

#### **Works to tree**

Marlow Cottage Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ

Ref. No: 20/01542/TCA | Validated: Fri 02 Oct 2020 | Status: Approved

#### **Alterations and erection of single storey extension (revised scheme of 14/00915/FUL)**

Marlow Cottage Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ

Ref. No: 20/01514/FUL | Validated: Mon 05 Oct 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

#### **Erection of an equipment shelter and stables**

Land Adjacent Pumping Station Snows Lane Keyham Leicestershire

Ref. No: 20/01499/FUL | Validated: Fri 25 Sep 2020 | Status: Approved

#### **Works to trees**

Keyham Village Hall Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ

Ref. No: 20/01430/TCA | Validated: Wed 16 Sep 2020 | Status: Approved

#### **Installation of a mobile home for a temporary worker's dwelling and erection of an agricultural building (revised scheme of 19/00949/FUL)**

Dandelion Farm Ingarsby Road Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JU

Ref. No: 20/00447/FUL | Validated: Fri 24 Apr 2020 | Status: Pending Decision

Have a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2021.

**Anna**

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

## Village People

**Peter and John** wish to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all friends and neighbours who sent messages of support and condolences, and gifts, following the passing of both of their beloved mothers in November.



**Christine** was the first customer at the D&G convenience store

## Season's Greetings

We wish all our friends and neighbours in the village a Very Merry Christmas and a HEALTHY New Year. **Maureen & Bill**

Best wishes to all in Keyham for a Happy Christmas, and an even Happier 2021, from **Mark, Susan & Kate Lansdale**

Merry Christmas to you all – take care and keep safe **Tony and Christine**

Good wishes to all for a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year **Brian and Ros**

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable and safe 2021. **Claire, Richard and the Windle family**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **David and Margaret**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all friends and neighbours in Keyham and readers of Keyham News across the globe. **John & Margaret (Mr & Mrs Ed)**

## Litter Pick



Just a quick reminder about the litter pick on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

The plan is to meet at the bus shelter on Kings Lane at 11am and finish by 12:30pm (if you are really keen, I will be there with the kit from 10:30am) followed by a 'socially distanced social' outside the Dog and Gun.

Jason and Angela have kindly offered to provide refreshments in the form of mulled wine and mince pies (thank you both – that's very kind of you). The refreshments will be provided as a takeaway service and we can make use of the tables and benches outside.

We have now taken delivery of some extra kit, the costs of which have been met from Parish funds (thank you for this Anna).

See you on Sunday.  
Best wishes,  
**Richard**

## Getting Ahead of the Litter Pick

Well done to **Anthony and Vicky** for hauling all of this fly-tip out of the brook on Hungarton Lane. HDC picked it up the next day.



## A POETRY PUD FOR CHRISTMAS

### Wise men

Those Wise Men came from Orientar  
Melchoir Caspar Belthazar  
On camels (on the Christmas card)  
Once rode a camel  
That was hard.

I didn't want to ride the beast  
One photo on and pay the least.  
But once aboard was led away  
to pyramids - what could I say?

Eventually my shouts were heard  
And I left quick without a word  
I paid the man all I had  
He wasn't happy, he was mad!

As so from then before I go  
Remember country's word for No!  
And learn from wise men it can pay  
To swift depart another way!

Joan Mcwhirter



Joan tells KN, "I wrote this last year before lockdown on the prescribed theme "advent or adventure" at my local poetry group at the Baptist Church. The group leader, the former minister, and the current minister liked it enough to put it on the front of their newsheet. It's actually a true story".

### Pensioners' Lunch

There will be no Christmas Lunch for Keyham Pensioners this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Trustees, Keyham Charities

### That Visit

Covid is a bore  
the drill of its infection  
in a grip of isolation  
makes invasive squeals  
cutting into life  
to leave a numb effect  
and the dust of some despair  
though that anaesthetic mask  
if bought on male order  
should be left in place  
for some fun in store.

### You'll Tide

The ghost of Christmas past  
was in a cloak of mistletoe  
which is now verboten  
so it haunts denuded  
of the hugs and kisses  
now lying on a shelf  
in the hope they can be used  
as a future present.

### Happy New Year

May I as a joiner  
with my woulds and wouldn'ts  
on a lathe of language  
fashion a container  
using beams of love  
polished with some sentiment  
so you can in spring  
sow your year with wishes  
which then come into bloom.

### Oddly

#### **Keyham News Deadline:**

The deadline for  
KN January edition is  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Articles and photographs to  
The Lodge or  
[jandm.hughes@btinternet.com](mailto:jandm.hughes@btinternet.com)  
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## News from Angie and Jason at the Dog and Gun

Hello Keyham,

As we venture towards a new set of restrictions regarding Covid, here at the Dog & Gun we would like to reassure you all that we are still very much open for business! I am delighted with the support shown towards the shop and this is something that will continue once things return to normal. Equally, I am proud to announce that we have been exceptionally well supported in relation to takeaways, some of you may have even noticed that we have extended our menu to include classic favourites such as bacon cobs.

Today (Sunday 30th November) we launched our Christmas dinners. You will be pleased to learn that we have reduced the price of our Christmas lunches from £15.95 to £11.95. To minimise stock wastage, we have reduced our Christmas menu down to a choice of two starters, one main and a choice of two desserts. Our Christmas lunches are available on Sundays only and Christmas Day. That's right, we are cooking on Christmas Day from 12 noon until 3pm! I would like to add that we have a number of orders already for Christmas Day and takeaway slots are going rapidly. Should you wish to order a full three course meal on Christmas Day from us you will be charged £19.95 per meal.

I can also now confirm that we have been given the green light to host Christmas Markets by Harborough Council. While originally only one was meant to have been held, due to the interest shown, I have decided to hold one on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. Every trader that is attending are local and are a small business. We have everything from cakes to crafts, perfumes to clothes. There is something for everyone. Each market will have no more than twelve stalls, allowing stall holders to have adequate room to distance themselves from each other and for visitors to also be able to park. Strict rules surrounding Covid safety will be followed. These include a one way system and hand sanitising stations. Whilst, alcohol can be served, it can only be served on a takeaway basis and must not be consumed anywhere on the premises, this includes mulled wine. Each market will be open from 10am until 4pm and I encourage residents of the village to pop along and see what's on offer.

Finally, a simple thank you (again) for your support. At difficult times like these, it's people like yourselves that give us the strength and determination to keep doing what we're doing.

Until next time, stay safe.

**Angie & Jason**

## Anyone for Mushroom Casserole?

Having had a very poignant chat with Steve about Alec Wood's annual treat of the elusive Blue Legged Mushroom, Steve made it his mission to track them down.



But where does this delicacy grow?

It's all still a guarded secret!



Steve did this magnificent morsel justice by making a wonderful casserole for dinner!

**Sarah and Richard**

No **Keyham History** this month but **Hugh** has sent through an interesting article about the history of our nearby metropolis, **Scraptoft**. Written by Peter Elliott (SPC Chairman)

## A HISTORY OF SCRAPTOFT THROUGH THE AGES

Though we have reached the end of my articles on Scraptoft in the 1950's, a number of people have asked me about people who lived in the village before the 1950's, field names and other bits and bobs of history. So I've changed the name of the articles, and we'll start at the beginning.

The earliest known fact about Scraptoft is that there was a Roman villa or farmstead situated along Covert Lane in the field opposite Facers Lane now owned by Jelson's. The villa stood on the ridge half way down the field and would have commanded fine views along the valley between Thurnby and Scraptoft, probably without another house in sight. A number of Roman artefacts have been found in this area over the years, the majority of which I believe are now housed in the Jewry Wall museum in Leicester.

The name Scraptoft in its earliest form of SCRAPITOFT appears to have come from the Scandinavian settlers better known as Vikings when they settled in Leicestershire during the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries. SCRAPI being a Viking personal name, while TOFT is an old English word meaning an area of land or homestead, therefore we can probably say that the original name meant nothing more than SCRAPI's LAND.

The first written evidence of Scraptoft comes with the Domesday survey of 1086, when the survey describes Scraptoft as being part of the Garetreu Wapentake (Gartree Hundred) a division of what is now Leicestershire. The survey goes on to state that Scraptoft at that time was held by the Priory of Saint Mary Coventry, being probably given to the priory by Leofric Earl of Mercia who held the lands of Scraptoft before the priory was founded in 1043.

In 1086 when the survey was taken, there were 19 men living in Scraptoft, sorry no mention of women.

The men living in the village at this time consisted of:

6 SOKEMEN, these are men who paid for the tenancy of their cottage and land by giving service to their Lord, or in this case maybe the Priory in some way.

6 VILLEINS, free villagers with no tie to their Lord.

3 BORDARS, these are villeins who hold their cottage and land at their Lord's pleasure, in other words they can be thrown out of their cottage and lose their land at any time their Lord or the land owner wishes.

4 SERVI or SERFS, basically slaves bound to their Lord, or land owner.

This gives a total of nineteen men living in the parish at this time, giving an idea of how spread out the population was at this time.

The three Bordars had 5 ploughs between them, while the Servi had 2, these would have been pulled by oxen.

It appears that the majority of the land being farmed in Scraptoft at this time was cultivated for crops, these crops being mainly rye, barley, oats, peas and beans.

There were only ten acres of meadow land (grass land) being farmed in Scraptoft when the survey was taken, though I should say here that there would have also been other areas of rough grass land and trees in the parish that weren't being farmed. The small amount of meadow land required is reflected in the livestock of the time which were mainly pigs and poultry together with one or two milking cows. Though around this time sheep would have started to be introduced.

It's interesting to note that at the time of the survey, the 10 acres of meadow land were taxed at 2 marks (a mark was 13s 4d). Taxation at the time was calculated in units of CARUCATES and BOVATES. As far as I can understand 8 Bovates made 1 Carucate or in today's calculations 120 acres.

As the population of Scraptoft increased and more food was required, farming practices changed to some extent. The areas of cultivated land were now divided into four large fields around the village. To the west was STEANE FIELD which stretched from the Humberstone parish boundary across to what is now Hamilton Lane and then continued more or less in a straight line right down to Thurnby Brook. Next was PEASE FIELD to the north of the village, which covered what we call the camp or war field together with the golf course as far north as the bridleway across the golf course. To the east of the village was BLEAK FIELD which took in all the land south of the road to Keyham as far as Covert Lane. Then finally there was SOUTH FIELD which took in all the land south of Covert Lane as far as the Thurnby Brook.

These four fields were then ploughed into long narrow strips, each strip belonging to a different person, though each person would probably have had more than one strip of land in each of the large fields, as some areas of the fields would have better land than others. The strips were ploughed in such a way that made each strip higher in the centre than at the edges, this can still be clearly seen today, though now grassed over and known as rig and furrow.

Links to the four large fields can still be found today, Steanes Lane in Humberstone village, South Field Close Scraptoft, and the field running along behind the natural burial ground on the way to Keyham was always known by my father and myself as Bleak Hill.

## Food Bank Collection

Super effort by the village for November!

This is actually the second box of groceries donated this month.

As we approach Christmas, any extra treats would be much appreciated.

Let's help all families to have a great festive season despite the Covid restrictions and its consequences.

A big THANK YOU Keyham!

**Sarah**



## Village Hall

Keyham Village Hall remains closed for the foreseeable future pending the building being made Covid-19 compliant.

If you are thinking of using the hall in the next 12 months please contact me for further information.

**John Hughes, Chairman**

## Susan's Jewellery

Susan Lansdale was delighted to have a piece of her jewellery included in Leicester's *Art at the Chapel's* 2020 exhibition, *Kindness*.

## ART AT THE CHAPEL



**Susan Lansdale**

*Love Conquers All Things (Virgil)*

Free-form heart pendant in Sterling Silver.  
Inspired by design detail on Ernest Gimson fire irons in the Arts & Crafts Gallery at Leicester New Walk Museum.

The exhibition, which includes works by over 100 Leicestershire artists and makers, is well worth a visit online, with many of the works available to buy.

<https://www.artatthechapel.com/aatc-open-2020>

Susan's jewellery is also on sale at the Wistow Gallery during December. And if any villagers are interested in seeing her stock in Keyham, please contact her directly (email: [susan.lansdale1@gmail.com](mailto:susan.lansdale1@gmail.com)).

Direct sales will be reduced by 10%, and a further 10% of the sale price will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.



## MOVIE QUOTES QUIZ

- 1) You talking to me?
- 2) You're gonna need a bigger boat
- 3) You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off.
- 4) I love the smell of napalm in the morning.
- 5) Here's another fine mess you've gotten me into.
- 6) Hasta la vista, baby.
- 7) Hang on chaps. I've got a great idea.
- 8) A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.
- 9) I'm dreaming of a white Christmas.
- 10) I'll be back.
- 11) There ain't no sanity clause.
- 12) Laura, thank you for coming back to me.
- 13) I've just met a girl named Maria.
- 14) Maria makes me laugh.
- 15) Play it, Sam.
- 16) Frankly, my dear; I don't give a damn.
- 17) A martini, shaken not stirred.
- 18) Gentlemen, you can't fight in here. This is the war room.
- 19) He's not the Messiah. He's a very naughty boy.
- 20) I'll have what she's having.
- 21) I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse.
- 22) In Switzerland they had brotherly love and they had 500 years of democracy and peace. And what did they produce? The cuckoo clock.
- 23) Infamy, infamy. They've all got it in for me.
- 24) Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.
- 25) Nobody's perfect.
- 26) My God. It's full of stars.
- 27) I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.
- 28) I'm (?) (Same as the film title).
- 29) Well, there's some things a man just can't run away from.
- 30) Yer a wizard.
- 31) Rosebud.



Thank you to Richard Taylor for our "Movie Quotes Quiz".

Please send your answers to Richard by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Email:**

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**by hand to:**

White House Farm, Main Street

There will be a fabulous Keyham News prize for the Keyham resident with the highest points score. (In the event of a tie, the first entry received will be deemed the winner).

Good luck.

