

All Saints Church

Passing All Saints Church it would be difficult not to notice the scaffolding now erected around the tower of the church. It looks quite impressive, even statuesque. No wonder it was so expensive. Building work to remove and replace worn stones mostly from the west and north faces is underway and if it continues according to plan, it should be finished in March.

Hopefully, it won't have the same inglorious reputation that the scaffolding has around York Minster. I remember so well, as a small child I was taken by my godmother by train from where we lived near Sheffield to York as a treat. The main treat for me was travelling on several trains all powered by steam at that time. Once there, we had a look round the wonderful railway museum, but wherever we went, everything was overshadowed by the impressive Minster. But I couldn't but help noticing the scaffolding. It was there still when I visited 20 years later and although it appeared that the scaffolding would all be gone by 2018, when restoration of the east window was finished, more work was found, and on my visits subsequent to that, it was still there. In fact, it has become an attraction in itself, and York Minster is now even offering guided tours of the scaffolding. I just hope that our builders estimate is all encompassing and accurate.

Again we thank the villagers and friends of Keyham for their generosity in supporting this project but unfortunately, we won't be allowed to offer guided tours like those at York.

**Our next service will be
Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 16th February**



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Chairman's Report

Chairman's Role

I requested Harborough Council and LRALC to provide me with potential options in the event of my standing down without finding anyone to replace me.

Having now reviewed their responses and given that nobody from the village has stepped forward, I have concluded that the best interests of the village will be served by my continuing in the role. I will discuss the reasons for this at the Parish Meeting in April.

Speeding Measures

No information yet available about police speed monitoring.

Planning

Proposed crematorium -no update available.

Hungarton Lane Site

At a parishes meeting with our local MP last year I requested her to write to HDC to establish why authorisation had been given for the site expansion given that lack of amenities and the abundance of objections and concerns raised by local residents.

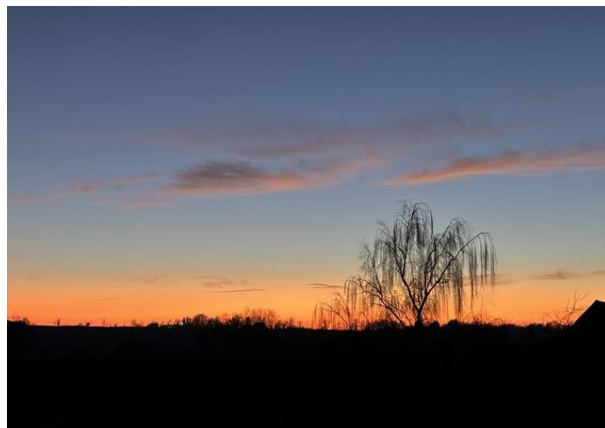
HDC have now responded and confirmed that it was authorised because they needed to fulfil their quota of sites in accordance with their Local Plan.

Tony Johnson

Out and About in Keyham



*A new "Portaloo" has been installed at the Church
Initially "Quilted Andrex" was ordered but was "SOLD OUT"
"SOLD OUT" too was "Net-zero Sphagnum Moss"
So we went for "Thistle" (see logo below)
At least we didn't have to resort to "Izal Medicated"!
*as told to KN Roving Reporter by someone



January Sunset in Keyham Photo: KN



January Sunrise in Keyham Photo: Chris P

David Lloyd MBE

Congratulations to David who lived at Keyham Hall for many years.

This is what the NHS Leicester Website had to report.....



Professor David Lloyd for services to surgery

UHL Consultant Laparoscopic and Liver Surgeon, Professor David Lloyd, has been appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to surgery.

"I am absolutely thrilled to receive this honour. I would like to thank all my past and current colleagues for their help and support over the years," said Professor Lloyd.

Professor Lloyd joined UHL in 1994 and is renowned for his innovative approaches in laparoscopic and liver surgery, contributing to advancements in surgical techniques and patient care. Professor Lloyd has been involved in international projects, working to develop microwave treatments for liver cancer which has benefited more than a million patients around the world, as well as working with NASA on a research programme sending cells into space.

Threads

Life can become a yarn
made into a carpet
trodden on by others
or create a tapestry
to be admired instead.

Fame

The spotlight roaming round
as last alights on one
sitting in a stall
and they become a star
in the eyes of all around
until the moving light
dazzling someone else
leaves them in the dark
blinded by the beam.

Which Hunt

A fire of burning words
round the figure on a stake
roasts their reputation
until it turns to ashes
when a pillory instead
will do the job as well
but leave the victim live
with egg upon their face.

Oddly

Jamie's Joke

I'm a member of paranoids anonymous. We never meet though, just incase anyone finds out.

Stop Leicester taking over Surrounding Areas

The government wish to bring all district councils into the central city council and thereby abolish them. See link below.

There is a petition "Stop Leicester taking over surrounding areas" if you are interested. You can read more and sign the petition here:

<https://chnng.it/jCLt8nGm7q>

[see pages 6&7 – an open letter from Alicia Kearns, MP about Local Government Reform proposals and how it might affect us in Harborough and Rutland. Ed]

Richard W

Keyham News Deadline

The deadline for
KN March edition is
Friday 28st February
Articles and photographs to
The Lodge or keyhamnews@btinternet.com
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[Keyham Village Website](#)

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Management Committee AGM will be held on Monday 10th March at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. This is an open meeting and gives villagers the opportunity to raise issues relevant to the management of the village hall.



**John Hughes, Chairman
Keyham Village Hall Management Committee**

Dog and Gun News



Dog & Gun Keyham

Valentine's Day.

Feb 14

Steak and Wine evening from £40 per couple

To book please call ☎ 0116 2595571

Sunday
LUNCH

SERVED EVERY
SUNDAY 12-3PM

Dog & Gun
Keyham LE7 9JQ
0116 2595571

Quiz Night

Join us each week for our popular bumper general knowledge quiz & bingo.

Every 1st Thursday of each month is Duncan's Pop Quiz

CASH PRIZES & COMPLIMENTARY SANDWICHES

7.30PM

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Letter from Alicia Kearns MP about Local Government Reform

Good afternoon,

The Government has [announced plans](#) for major reforms to Local Councils and local democracy. They intend to scrap district councils like Harborough District Council, as well as scrapping small unitary councils like Rutland. In their place they want to create new enormous unitary county councils which serve a minimum of 500,000 people – compare this for example to Rutland County Council which currently serves 41,000 residents, or South Kesteven District Council which serves around 145,000 residents.

What is frustrating about all of this, is that the speed at which Government is moving is not creating the space for public discussion, intensive analysis, or even for Councils to truly consider what might be best for our communities. For example, should South Kesteven and Rutland have had an opportunity to propose a new joint council? I want to make sure everyone is as informed as possible, and crucially to hear your views so I can represent them to Government.

The process for each of our three counties is distinctly different as the Government is also pursuing Devolution deals alongside Local Government reform. Please find below information for each of our areas, depending on where you live.

Rutland: Public Meeting

I will be holding a public meeting on Monday 27th January 6 – 7.30pm at the Victoria Hall in Oakham to explain the process as I understand it so far, to map out the Government's thinking, what the implications for us would be, what different stakeholders are proposing, and most importantly give me a chance to hear your views given how significant this re-organisation could be for our county. I will very much be in listening mode.

There has been no consultation with our community on the proposals, so I want to ensure Rutlanders have the opportunity to discuss the proposals and for me to hear from you. I won't have all the answers on the night, but it can kick off our discussions which will continue throughout this process.

We will also discuss if Rutland is forced to lose its independence as a county council and join Leicestershire County Council, should the new Leicestershire and Rutland Council (it may not have Rutland in its name) be one unitary county council for the entirety of Leicestershire and Rutland, or whether it should be two councils (Rutland, East and West Leicestershire; or North and South Leicestershire).

Please do spread the word about this public meeting with your friends, family and neighbours. Please register to attend [here](#) as I need to ensure there is sufficient capacity.

Harborough: Petition and Survey

The biggest issues for Harborough are to stop Leicester's takeover of our rural communities and whether Leicestershire should be one, single Council or two.

As part of the Government's move to new mega-Councils the Mayor of Leicester, Peter Soulsby, wants to bring surrounding areas of Leicester - like Harborough - under the control of Leicester City Council. Disappointingly it looks like the County Council agrees.

These proposals primarily would allow the City to build its housing requirements within our Harborough villages, because those villages would now fall under the City, you would come under their policies and priorities which are city-centric, and your council taxes would also likely rise to meet the city's higher taxes.

Neighbouring Harborough MP Neil O'Brien and I have started a petition calling on local County Councillors to listen and say no to the City taking over surrounding areas. We will present it to Government and the County Council.

Please do add your name to our petition [here](#).

I will be speaking to the County Council this week I hope, and will look to hold a public meeting in future months depending on how the process goes forward and what the process is looking like for our communities.

Beyond the proposals for the city to absorb some rural communities, a decision will be made on whether our communities should be served by one unitary county council for the entire Shire, or whether it should be two councils (Rutland, East and West Leicestershire; or Rutland, North and South Leicestershire). I have my own view on this, but I would like to hear yours. So far it appears the District Councils of Leicestershire would prefer two Councils (excluding the City which would be its own unitary authority), and the County Council would prefer one large Council covering all of Leicestershire (again excluding the City).

If you live in our Harborough villages, I would very much welcome your views on whether Leicestershire should have one County Council covering our entire county or two unitary Councils – and which way should it split geographically? Maintaining the status quo is not an option we've been given by Government. Tell me your views [here](#).

South Kesteven

In Lincolnshire it has been agreed that a mayoralty will be introduced, and as such Local Government reform is taking a back-step to that process as that is the Government's priority.

Currently, because the Lincolnshire Mayoralty process is in train, there is less controversy at this point, and we have less information about how Lincolnshire might proceed – but the information I have suggests two unitary councils may be formed. One with the City of Lincoln all the way down to our communities in South Kesteven and Stamford, and a second unitary for the North of our county. This is in some ways less controversial, however it is still a big change in local democracy and a bringing together of city and rural areas under one Council.

As soon as I have more information on the proposals and how they will impact on us I will share it with you and we can ascertain whether we need a public meeting, a petition or any other actions I may need to take to make sure your voices are heard.

All my best to you and yours,

Alicia Kearns
Member of Parliament for Rutland and Stamford

Neighbourhood Link



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Beat Surgeries

Dear Residents, Happy new year!

Here is a list of beat surgeries we will be running so far in 2025. More will be added throughout the year so please regularly check our website at www.leics.police.uk and follow our social media channels.

10:00AM - 10:30AM, Fri 10 January 2025

Village shop, West Lane/Church Street, Billesdon.

11:00AM - 12:00PM, Mon 13 January 2025

Hill Court Community Centre, Main St, Bushby

11:00AM - 11:30AM, Thu 06 February 2025

Outside village hall, Main Street, Tilton on the Hill

12:00PM - 1:00PM, Mon 10 February 2025

Brooklands Gardens Beat office, School St Fleckney

6:30PM - 7:30PM, Thu 13 February 2025

Outside village hall, High Street, Great Easton. 1:30PM - 2:00PM, Wed 05 March 2025

Church Langton village hall 6:30PM - 7:30PM, Thu 06 March 2025

Hill Court Community Centre, Main street, Bushby

1:30PM - 2:00PM, Wed 09 April 2025 Fleckney beat office, School Street, Fleckney

1:30PM - 2:00PM, Thu 08 May 2025 Horninghold Road, Horninghold

1:30PM - 2:00PM, Thu 12 June 2025 Barnards Way, car park for the park, Kibworth

1:30PM - 2:00PM, Fri 11 July 2025 Main Street, Cranoe Best Wishes,

Harborough North Beat Team



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