

ICICLES AT BEEBYROADMERE



During the recent cold snap dramatic icicle formations appeared regularly on Weather Reports on the telly.

Here is Keyham's very own ice wall on the flooded bend (Beebyroadmere?).

Thanks to Vicky for the photograph above and Samantha for the two below.



In like a Lion out like a Lamb...

That's what they say about March, this year I'm not so sure, of course there are storms and strong winds (currently February as I write – who knows what March will actually bring as you read this!) which I think is where the saying gets its 'Lion' reference, but what about this year?

In the silence of lockdown, the quiet orderly nature of a vaccine clinic, the urgent need to vaccinate all met with the British steadiness of military efficiency and NHS organisation. 15 million first doses by mid-February, more by March, yet this feels more 'Lamb' than 'Lion'.

In the face of fear and difficulty our light has come not from noise and bluster but from quiet, everyday care. It's been true all the way through the pandemic. Whenever I have heard bluster and certainty I have found myself struggling to believe, yet when I hear the stories and experience the gentle steadfast care of ordinary people for one another, communities serving one another, those generous with their time, NHS workers, Teachers, Cleaners, Carers, Prison Staff and Funeral Directors going over and above to serve people. The latter two are not often shouted about but their role is vital in keeping us safe and caring in grief.

So whatever the weather I think that this year March will come in with gentle care and go out as we enter Holy Week and think of that first Easter, Jesus often described in the Bible as the 'Lamb of God' one who sacrifices for others.

Lent is a time of reflection and thought, perhaps this year we can be thankful for all those who sacrifice for others and challenge ourselves to notice those not often thought about, giving thanks to God for all who give to others. Perhaps we can find a way to actively say thank you, instead of or alongside 'giving up', find a way of giving to those who give.

Revd Alison

KEYHAM NEWS

Chairman's Update March 2021

Operation Arable:

Following complaints of damaged farmer's gates, hedgerows, fencing, reported hare coursing, fly tipping, trespassing and aggressive behaviour to landowners across Keyham, Hungarton, Cold Newton and Lowesby, Operation Arable has been launched.

Police officers and council members of Harborough District Council's Environmental Crime Team joined forces on 12th February in performing vehicle spot checks, visiting crime hot spots within these areas, visiting victims and patrolling isolated areas.

Intelligence between council members and police officers has been shared to identify offenders and prevent future crimes.

One vehicle was recovered due to document offences and one drug seizure occurred.

The police want to reassure people in the countryside that a larger than normal policing presence is in place using both marked and unmarked vehicles with such dates and activities taking place again over the coming months. *[see full letter from Leicestershire Police on page 4. 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: Pending Consideration

Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation, erection of a glazed annex to the front elevation, extensions to and conversion of attached outbuildings and garage to form residential annexe, re-roofing and alterations to roof including the insertion of dormer windows, roof lights and roof lanterns and replacement of metal casement windows and associated repairs and alterations

Keyham Hall Ingarsby Road Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JU

Ref. No: 20/02046/LBC | Validated: Mon 21 Dec 2020 | Status: Approved

Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation, erection of a glazed annex to the front elevation, extensions to and conversion of attached outbuildings and garage to form residential annexe, re-roofing and alterations to roof including the insertion of dormer windows, roof lights and roof lanterns and replacement of metal casement windows and associated repairs and alterations

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Ref. No: 20/02045/FUL | Validated: Mon 21 Dec 2020 | 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: Pending Consideration

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: Approved

Anna

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Help for those in need: Keyham and beyond

A big than you again to everyone who has contributed food and other items to the food bank collection in Keyham.

There are still many families struggling with the effects of lockdown and other financial problems. So if you are able to donate any of the items listed below, do leave them in the church porch, and they will be taken to The Well in Kibworth.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinned meat (mince, steak and chicken)• Tinned fish (tuna and salmon)• Tinned carrots and peas• Tinned potatoes• Pasta sauces• Long life fruit juice and cordial• Long life milk• Long life puddings• Tinned fruit• Tinned rice pudding• Tomato ketchup / mayonnaise | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetarian / vegan options• Jam• Sugar• Instant coffee• Shampoo• Soap• Shower gel• Adult toothpaste• Female sanitary products• Deodorant• Washing-up liquid• Toilet roll |
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There are many reasons for temporary or long term hardship, and the Keyham Relief in Need Charity will offer confidential support to any resident in need of help.

Contact Margaret Hughes, Richard Windle or David Witcomb for further information.

Richard and Claire

Keyham News Deadline:

The deadline for
KN April edition is
Wednesday 31st March
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New Business in Keyham

Rob Douglas from Wayside, Main Street has just started his own air conditioning business. Rob tells KN...

“With over 12 years in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning industry, we specialise in installations, service and breakdown of all aspects of refrigeration and A/C. Whether it being an installation of one single unit in a conservatory, to multiple units in office blocks, factories.”



Paddock for Vinny the Pony Please



We are looking for a paddock in Keyham for our pony Vinny that we could rent on a long term basis, he doesn't require a stable but just somewhere to graze. He is living in Frisby at present but we would love to move him closer to home. Please email lynette_harrison@yahoo.com if anybody can help.

Many Thanks
Lynette (Blackthorn Farm)



Rural Operation

Police officers and council staff from Market Harborough and Wigston were out in force on Friday (12th February) in a planned operation to tackle crime and patrol the more rural and remote areas of the Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA).

Eight officers used the NPAs own marked police vehicles, as well as two hired 4X4s, to enable them to patrol off road in wet and muddy conditions. Operation Arable was launched in response to ongoing issues around Cold Newton, Lowesby, Hungarton and Keyham where farmer's gates, hedgerows and fencing have been damaged as well as in response to complaints about hare coursing; trespass and aggressive behaviour from people when challenged by landowners.

Harborough District Council's Environmental Crime Team also joined the officers on patrol following a rise in incidents of fly tipping and discovered a recent fly tip. Enquiries are now ongoing to find those responsible using evidence recovered from the rubbish.

Throughout the day, stop checks on vehicles were carried out; hotspot locations and victims were visited and isolated areas were patrolled. One vehicle was recovered due to document offences and one drug seizure occurred. Intelligence was shared between the council and policing teams which will help identify offenders and prevent future offences.

This was one of a number of similar operations which are planned in the coming months. PC Steve Winn, who helped to organise the operation, said: "We received some really positive feedback from local people in the villages where we patrolled who were really pleased to see us. We want to reassure people who live and work in the countryside that we are putting a larger than normal policing presence into these areas using marked and unmarked cars and plan to do so again in the near future. This should also act as a deterrent to people travelling to the area to commit crime."

Cllr Jonathan Bateman, Harborough District Council's Cabinet lead for environmental services, said: "This is positive joint working to target areas where there have been reports of issues and we will continue to take a proactive approach across the district, with Police, to identify offenders."

Message Sent By

Natalie Goodall (Police, PCSO, Harborough and Wigston NPA)

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Dog and Gun News

Good afternoon Keyham, we hope this finds you safe and well?

Further to the government's announcement of their road map out of lockdown, we wish to inform you all that the pub will reopen its doors (or rather it's garden initially) at 10am on Monday 12th April 2021. Whilst we have very few 'restrictions' at present, we do have a certain amount of rules that must be followed. Those are, all customers must be seated for the duration of their stay. Our toilets will be available to use on a one in one out basis (masks must be worn whilst inside the pub going to the toilet.) There is no need to book ahead for a table, you can simply turn up. As you would expect, we will be providing food and beverages as a table service only until we can allow customers back inside the pub on May 17th. At present we are led to believe that customers can meet in groups of six, potentially from six different households. There will be no track and trace. We request that customers pay up front as opposed to having bar tabs.

As I have just mentioned, we will be allowed to welcome all customers inside the pub from May 17th. Currently, we are not aware of any restrictions (with the exception of only two households can mix inside) such as table service or the use of masks when standing up, however, this may change. We do know that from 12th April, we are allowed to remain open and serve alcohol until 11pm. Please also understand that we will not have our full list of products available until at least July. For example, we will only be having one draught bitter as opposed to three and our food menu will also be drastically reduced to assist with demand and stock holding.

Moving forwards in relation to our food delivery and takeaway service, we fully intend to carry on once the pub is back open. We appreciate that a percentage of people are going to be nervous about visiting us and we want to make our services available to all. I will go into more detail about this, along with our new menu and product list in the next edition of KN.

Moving on from our reopening plans, it is with much regret that I inform you of our decision to close down our essentials shop. Unfortunately, although unsurprisingly, we are unable to compete against better established and bigger outlays. This combined with a lack of support leading to a high wastage of stock has meant that we are unable to fund it any longer. Having said this, we are still able to provide you with bread and dairy products such as milk and butter.

With regards to our weekly market, you will notice from tomorrow (Saturday) that we will no longer be selling fresh fruit and vegetables, this is because, starting on Wednesday afternoon next week, Sid's fruit & veg van will be in the pub car park for you to purchase these items. Bev, who runs the veg van will be here every Wednesday once she has finished in Hungarton.

As of Saturday March 29th, we will be moving the market to a monthly event held on the old petanque court. It is hoped that we will have stall's offering a wide range of products other than food for you to potentially buy. This will be on the last Saturday of every month.

Finally, we are almost set for Mother's Day and as you might expect we are booking up fast for lunches. Please contact us as soon as possible if you wish to order a meal for Mothering Sunday.

Once again, we wish to thank you all for your continued loyalty and support to the pub. Words alone cannot express our sincere gratitude, especially during this difficult period. We wish to assure you all, this will most definitely not be forgotten! We cannot wait to properly welcome you all back, only this time, we hope it's for good.

Until next time, stay safe, stay well.

Angie & Jason

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Steve's Mystery Object – The Answer

The mystery object is a Level 4 triangulation point and is part of the Ordnance Survey Nation Grid (OSGB36 aka ETRS89 (European Terrestrial Reference System 1989)). Most people are familiar with Level 1 (triangular concrete) trig points that are above ground and found on high points e.g. Burrough on the Hill.



The lower tier trig points may not be visible and can be a simple concrete bases with a bolt through the centre or an obvious landmark like a church steeple.

From a trig point at least two other trig points will be visible which allows a grid to be built up that identifies position and elevation. The point on Ingarsby Road is known as 'SP69T106 Keyham Lane' and is 123 metres above sea level. Other local trig points are at Scraftoft church spire, Covert Lane, Hamilton Field, Beeby-Croxtan Lane, South Croxtan church steeple, Snows Lodge, Barkby Thorpe and Barkby church steeple. There was one at Keyham Bridge, but it was destroyed in 1965.

'SP69T106 Keyham Lane' was created in 1949 as part of the OS project to retriangulate the whole of the UK. The project ran from 1935 until 1962, with the first trig point erected on 18th April 1936 near Cold Ashby, Northamptonshire. The National Grid replaced the original triangulation grid ('The Principal Triangulation of Great Britain') which was undertaken between 1783 and 1851.

The grid was used until the 1980's when satellite technology began to be used. The current electronic methods can give accuracy to 3mm. The height measurement from a trig point is displayed as a black number on an Ordnance Survey map. Level 1 and 2 point are displayed on the OS 1:50k 'Landranger' (pink) maps, and Levels 1 to 4 on the more detailed 1:25k 'Explorer' (orange) maps.



Phoenix

That splash of ash is moving
when you clean the grate
a hint of hairy horror
sitting in the cinders
of the last night's pyre
escaping grey and leggy
into a secret place
to rule your inner dreams
with sinister sensations
of its cold embrace.

Troop Your Colours

There are other standards
you will be pressed to bear
replacing what you carry
which you have made yourself
but ignore those flags
as flying in a breeze
which may just blow you over
and march along unhindered
to proudly show your own.

Mother

A winged easy chair
still waits for me
with a bronze toasting fork
in the black polished grate
the incense of logs
a sensory pyre
where I can toast muffins
as you lay out the tea
on a needlework cloth
with china to match
the strong cups you serve
from a cosy clad pot
like a bird on the hatch
then as the time chimes
on the pendulum clock
to the scent of tobacco
from your late husband's jar
you take off your apron
to listen again
and call me a liar
then feed the budgie
with leftover crumbs
so ending your day
of give never take.

Hush

Darkness comes
enthraling
the silence of no sound
as a rich abound
or maybe a warning.

Oddly

Green Bin Collections

HDC start Green Bin collections on Thursday 11th March (if I have read the website correctly).

If you subscribe to this service, please be aware that stickers will NOT be issued for your bin this year; operatives will use their "in-cab technology" to establish whether you have paid or not.

Mr Ed

Hedgehog Alert!

Carole and I have lived in Keyham for over 23 years and during that time I can never recall seeing a hedgehog.

I did contact one of those hedgehog welfare organisations about the possibility of homing one in our garden, only to be told during their visit that 'our garden wasn't suitable'.

So, how exciting to discover whilst tidying our front garden this pile of grass and moss under which is a hibernating hog. So, gardeners, if you see something similar please be careful before wielding your fork.

Tony

