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Catching up on bin collections

Sometimes Mother Nature defeats the best-laid plans and intentions. Despite weather predictions and warnings our bin men turned out as normal at 5am last Wednesday with every good intention of completing their rounds, but after some frightening episodes it soon became clear that it was not safe for them to continue with their 26-tonne lorries on the borough's icy residential streets. It's never an easy decision to make to abandon refuse collections, but given the rapidly deteriorating conditions it was the right decision made in the interests of the safety of all road users. Some out-of-town routes quickly became impassable.



get all bins emptied and bagged side waste collected."

Brown bin collections will begin again on Tuesday, March 13. All brown bins presented in the first two weeks of April will be collected to ensure that 2017/18 customers receive their 20 collections and 2018/19 customers will receive a further collection in December providing them with their full quota of 20 collections.

Crews will be exceptionally busy trying to catch up, so if you do not need a green bin collection, please do not present it until your next scheduled collection.

Please leave any extra bags neatly next to your green bin for your next collection, however, if it is more convenient you can take any excess waste to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Slippery Gowt in Wyberton.

Green bins not emptied last Thursday will be emptied today (Wednesday, March 7) and tomorrow (Thursday, March 8).

Green bins not emptied last Friday (March 2) will be emptied tomorrow (Thursday, March 8), Friday and Saturday. Please present your bin by 5.30am on Thursday and leave your bin out until collected.

Blue bin collections will be on your normal collection day.

The news that bins would not be emptied was issued to all local media and via the council's website and Facebook and Twitter. Overnight snow on Wednesday which left road-clearing operators struggling meant Thursday was written off also and continuing sub-zero conditions and hard-packed snow on many routes saw Friday's planned collections also abandoned.

Thankfully the thaw means all refuse collections are back on and, in order to catch up, vehicles are being utilised for this week only to empty green bins which would have been used to empty brown bins.

Cllr Michael Brookes, the council's portfolio holder for waste services, said: "It has been a very difficult few days for everyone. I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding in helping us deal with the exceptional weather.

"We are now doing our best to

Could you be a magistrate?

More local people from all walks of life are being encouraged to consider becoming a magistrate so that the diversity of communities continues to be reflected. Lincolnshire's judiciary is to recruit up to 20 new magistrates this Spring. For an application form or if you'd like to know more go to www.gov.uk/become-magistrate Read more at <http://bit.ly/2oTGUOI>



Week 46 winner – Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>

Boston Marathon: Warm-up and 'chipped' timing for all runners

Runners have until the end of this month to register for the Boston Marathon which takes place on Sunday, April 15. The event is growing in popularity, especially with those aiming for a personal best time on the flattest marathon course in the world; it inclines to just over 11 feet over the full distance of just over 26 miles. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2I3GKwJ>



Fish kill cause discovered

The source and cause of pollution in the River Witham from Bardney Bridge Lock to Boston which has resulted in tens of thousands of fish deaths has been identified. The Environment Agency is unable to give further details due to ongoing investigations and possible enforcement action. Efforts are continuing to isolate the pollution, assist in the clean-up, and mitigate the damage to the environment. High levels of ammonia have been found in the river.

Storm Emma washes up poisonous starfish

Dog owners are still being advised to keep their pets on leads and keep an eye on what they are picking up following the earlier sea life toxin alert.

Dogs have died after picking up infected sea creatures washed ashore in Norfolk and Suffolk and the alert extends to areas around The Wash, including the Boston marshes and tidal river.

The advice to beware all dead sea animals, especially starfish, has been extended after many more were washed ashore by Storm Emma. The Norfolk beaches, especially Hunstanton, have been badly affected.

More information for vets and pet owners can be found at <http://bit.ly/2HaV3hl>

Free advice for your business idea

The Boston Start up and Grow Event takes place at the White Hart Hotel from 5.30pm to 8pm on Tuesday, March 13 – a free event designed to help people who are thinking of setting up their own business or going self-employed.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2oMNSpb>



Celebration of Farming

Sunday, March 18, 2018
10am to 3pm
In Boston Market Place

BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE

- Fun for all ages
- Family activities
- Cabbage bowling
- Pop up cafe at Boston Guildhall 10.30am to 2pm
- Changes in Lincolnshire Farming talk by Alan Stennett, 2pm, £3 per person. Tickets available on the day or to pre-book your place call 01205 314200
- Vintage tractors
- The Sheep Roadshow
- Learn more about food & farming in Boston



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