



# CORONERS INQUESTS *Keevil*



## *Inquest into the suicide of James Matthews*

SUICIDE :- Mr Sylvester, coroner, held an inquest at Keevil, on James Matthews, aged 48 years. The deceased sometime since suffered a severe injury of the head, and from its effects he had never entirely recovered; he had been working also as a mower, and had been occasionally intemperate; he had recently been incoherent in his behaviour and depressed. He was found hanging on Monday, at five o'clock a.m., in his father's scullery; and had provided a second rope for his use in case the first failed.

Verdict, "Suicide under temporary derangement.

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