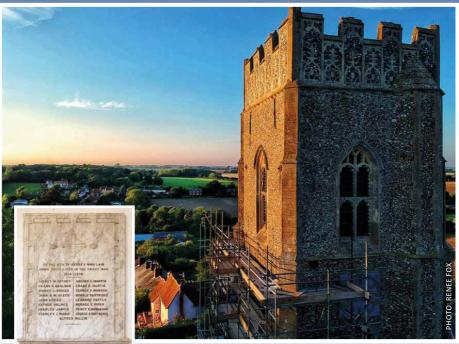
KERSEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 2018





Armistice Day ~ 100 Years 1918-2018

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

50p*

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Kersey Community Website www.kersey.suffolk.gov.uk
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Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust
Police The non-emergency number to call if you want to contact
the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999)

Please let us know of any changes.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

Church Wardens:

Rev. Jackson Crompton-Battersby. 01473 657349 rev@kind.church

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230. and vacant position.

Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St Mary's Church please contact the Benefice Wedding Clerk – Jenny Cox 01473 652466.

SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning: 5th November - Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker. 19th November - Sarah Partridge and Vanessa Baker.

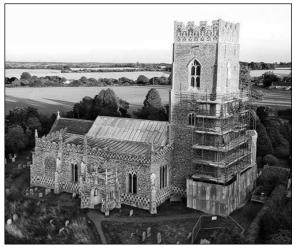
REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all those who have knitted or crocheted poppies. Could you please let me have them as soon as possible as we are beginning to put them together for the display in church.

Rachel.

TOWER AND THE CLOCK

By the time you read this the stonemason work will have finished and the Tower will be ready to stand the test of time once again. The new mortar will weather and blend over the next few years and soon all trace of the repairs will disappear. The clock faces have been painted roval blue and we tried three different types of gold paint before we determined the best solution both for longevity and appearance would be gold leaf. This incremental cost



has been met by a generous donation. The internal repairs are also underway and soon everything will be back to normal. Assuming everything goes to plan once

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

the Structural Engineer has made a final inspection then the scaffolding should be removed before Remembrance Sunday.





On the financial side we have received grants from Suffolk Heritage Church Trust, Allchurches Trust and National Churches Trust alongside a legacy and donations. We have made two stage payments and commenced the VAT recovery process.

Colin Grannell.

DIARY DATES

6th Nov. 8th Nov.	Tuesday Club School Remembrance Service	Village Hall St Mary's church	7.30pm 10.45am
9th Nov.	KCPC Quiz	Village Hall	7.30pm
10th Nov.	KCPC maintenance day	- Ot Mami'a abaaab	
11th Nov. 19th Nov.	Remembrance Service Parish Council	St Mary's church Village Hall	10.45am 7.30pm
28th Nov.	PCC	Orchard Barn	7.30pm
1st Dec.	Village Party	Village Hall	7.30pm
4th Dec.	Tuesday Club Christmas Party	Village Hall	7.30pm
8th Dec.	Christmas Buffet Supper	Village Hall	8-10pm
16th Dec.	Carol Service	St Mary's church	4.00pm

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 1st. October. All councillors were present plus clerk and five members of the public.

Minutes of previous meeting were signed as correct.

Co-option:

Two candidates had put their names forward for co-option to the parish council. After discussion it was agreed that Mrs Penny Calnan be co-opted.

Planning progress:

Application for extension at 1 Vale Lane had been granted by Babergh council Parish councillors then considered amended plans for two cottages at Kersey Mill. It was agreed to support.

AOB:

A councillor explained how the school were going to commemorate the end of the Great War.

VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The committee met on 15th October. The outing and show accounts were shown. The outing to Penshurst Place despite making a loss had been a most enjoyable day out. The show had also made a loss. It was agreed to give a donation to help church floodlights, churchyard and newsletter. It was also agreed that a donation be given to the church tower appeal.

Flower show:

Date set for 7th September 19. It was suggested we purchase some new light weight tables to replace the old trestles which are used at the show. Prices to be sought.

Next meeting 28th Jan. when the show schedule will be worked out and the outing planned.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

A very big thank you to everyone who generously gave items for the Sudbury Food Bank, on Tuesday 2nd and Sunday 7th October. Everything was gratefully appreciated.

Roger Jones.

VILLAGE NEWS (cont.)

TUESDAY CLUB

At the October meeting we welcomed Frances Moore from Lindsey, her talk for the evening was "Nursing in the Middle East"

In the early 1960's her husband was working in the Middle East. It was here that they needed a doctor and as Frances had trained as a nurse he put her name forward for the job. That was how it all began. She left her home in Suffolk and with her two small children flew to Aden then on to Bahan where they were to live. Accommodation was the top floor of a mud hut with animals living below. It seemed a world away from Suffolk but they soon adapted to a completely different life style and the children settled in well. She was given a vehicle to enable her to get around to carry out her work in clinics and remote places, treating people with a number of illnesses. She said one day you could be delivering a baby, the next stitching up a camel. Work was a challenge but she enjoyed it and through her husbands work met some interesting people. After Yemen they travelled to many other Middle Eastern countries where she was able to carry on with her work. A very interesting talk.

Competition for "A get well card" was won by Molly Robinson. Next meeting is on 6th November when Canon Roy Tricker will give an illustrated talk on "A love affair with churches". Canon Tricker is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker so please come along. Village Hall 7.30pm. £1 per person. Refreshments available.

Competition is for "A war related item".

KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

The highlight of the Kersey social calendar! Friday 9th November, Kersey Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, start 7.30pm: Carriages 10.30pm. Supper provided. Bring your own preferred refreshments.

Teams of up to 8 people. Entrance £11 per person: cash at the door. Glittering Trophy for the Champions (Previous winning team please return the cup) and Raffle with a multitude of interesting and exciting prizes.

To reserve tables or donate prizes for the raffle: Jonathan Marsh - **01473 822 927** or email **jonathan.marsh10@icloud.com** Please book by Sunday 4th November to avoid disappointment!

FORGETMENOTS

Forgetmenots will resume in December.

VILLAGE NEWS (cont.)

FRANEY, RAND AND PEST HOUSE CHARITIES

Several years ago, Doctor Franey of Hadleigh founded a Cottage hospital in Hadleigh and raised funds by public subscription to help maintain it. The hospital was closed when the National Health Service came in, but it's property and funds remained in private hands and the Charity Commission used these assets to found a Charity named after Doctor Franey.

The trustees of the Charity, who are all local people, have power to give money to people in need living in the parishes of Hadleigh, Aldham, Kersey, Layham, Semer, Shelley and Whatfield to enable them to obtain food, fuel, medical aid and such comforts. The Charity can also help the infirm, the sick or the convalescent and those in need of a rest or change of air to meet the costs of holidays. But, in every case the trustees must be able to satisfy themselves that the people whom they benefit are needy as well as deserving.

A meeting of the trustees will be held shortly and people wishing to apply for help are asked to write to Mrs M Jeffrey, Clerk to the Trustees at 1 Cottesford Close, Hadleigh, IP7 5JA.

Rachael Rogers, Representative Trustee for Kersey.

BUFFET SUPPER

A Christmas Buffet Supper is being planned for the 8th December in the Village Hall 8-10pm. Tickets ± 12.50 available soon from PCC members. Proceeds for St. Mary's Church.

CRAFT & FOOD FAIR 2018

This popular fair, organised by Hadleigh Market Feoffment Charity, will take place in the Town Hall/Guildhall complex, Hadleigh, Suffolk on Sunday 4th November 10am-4pm. There will be various stalls selling food, drinks, crafts and Christmas items. Refreshments will be available in the Dining Room.

Entry is £1 adult, under 13's free and disabled access 50p due to limited access. For further details please see www.hadleightownhall.co.uk

Sue Munson, Admin Assistant. Hadleigh Town Council.

ALLOTMENTS

There are 2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ allotments available. Contact Natalie for information. Phone 01473 827805 or email natalie.blyth1@btinternet.com

VILLAGE NEWS (cont.)

AUTUMN BUFFET

Another successful evening with delicious food and drinks was enjoyed by over 70 people from the village including many from the surrounding areas. £823.71p was raised for Village Hall funds. Many thanks to everyone who came or supported in any way.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ben and Katie King on the birth of a son Rowan, brother for Daisy May (a grandson for Adrian and Natalie Blyth).

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

Rainfall for September:32mm (1¼" approx.)Maximum temperature:23°C (73°F approx.)Minimum temperature:4°C (39°F approx.)

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

CHANGES TO THE PATTERN OF SERVICES AT KERSEY CHURCH

From the beginning of November we are changing the pattern of services at St Mary's:-

1st Sunday of the month 9.00 am Holy Communion (said)				
traditional version (BCP).				
2nd Sunday of the month 11.00 am Holy Communion (with hymns)				
Common Worship version.				
3rd Sunday of the month 11.00 am Café Church				
(informal family service with coffee).				
4th Sunday of the month 4.00 pm Evensong.				
5th Sunday of the month Benefice Service in one of our benefice churches.				

The 1st, 2nd and 5th Sunday services will be taken by Revd. Jackson, Café Church is usually led by a retired member of the clergy and Evensong will usually be taken by a lay elder.

We hope the new pattern will encourage more members of the village to try some of the services.

Everyone is always welcome at St. Mary's Church.

NB: Just for this month the 2nd Sunday service will be replaced by the Remembrance Day service at 10.45 am

HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY Haydn : The Creation

St Mary's Church, Hadleigh, Suffolk - 7.30pm, Saturday 24th November

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For further information, please telephone: 01473 823 791 www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Remembrance and Tradition

I have a hero, I discovered him whilst sitting in a dusty library on a hot summer's day when I was writing a long essay for my second year at University. I won't spoil my sermon by talking about him now; but on a day when I would ordinarily have invented excuses to be outside on the college lawn having a rollie, I stuck at the job of reading the scattered fragments of his life story from various books - Theodore Bayley Hardy was one of the most extraordinary figures of the first world war and someone I have tried in my own inadequate way, to try and copy ever since.

I don't have a relative to remember on the 11th, I don't have a village that I grew up in to remember its fallen; but in Kersey we have names that are familiar because villagers know the families they are from. It's why those Silent Tommies in Church are so evocative. Those men and women who fell in the two great wars should have left daughters and sons, granddaughters and grandsons; they should

have been working at Kersey Mill or the local farms; so much wasted youth, so much blood spilled.

We are going to gather at church on Sunday the 11th November to say they are not forgotten. We who have inherited the peace bought with their lives will not go about our day without paying tribute to the lost sons and daughters of a generation. Those are our boys, from our village, their names will be read out and we will hear them.



Tradition

Well all that put me in mind of the nature of tradition, we only do what we do on the 11th because our grandparents and parents taught us to value the tradition of doing so.

Tradition is a very fine and wonderful thing, cities can quickly lose it without a stable population; but in Kersey we know a thing or two about tradition and I'm very pleased that one of our monthly services is going to follow it. After some nudging by villagers we've reinstated a monthly Book of Common Prayer service - on the first Sunday of the month of course. Everything as it should be, a simple traditional service of Holy Communion, like you and I had as children. There is much that is modern which is exciting and refreshing but there is a valued and respected place for the traditional as well.

One last thing...

On the evening of the 10th of November something will be happening to the church at exactly 7pm. I don't know if it will work but you should be able to see it

from most of the village; let me know the next day if it did because I won't be able to tell from my vantage point on the hill...

All the best,

Rev Jackson.

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham Telephone: 01473 657349 Email: rev@kind.church

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES				
Sunday 4 th November	4 th before Advent 9.00 am	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Jackson		
Tuesday 6 th November	9.30 am	Holy Communion		
Sunday 11 th November	3 rd before Advent 10.45 am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 100 Years Rev. Jackson		
Tuesday 13 th November	9.30 am	Morning Prayer		
Sunday 18 th November	2 nd before Advent 11.00 am	Cafe Church Rev. Eric Fisher		
Tuesday 20 th November	9.30 am	Morning Prayer		
Sunday 25 th November	<i>Christ the King</i> 4.00 pm	Evening Prayer Mrs. Julie Boast		
Tuesday 27 th November	9.30 am	Morning Prayer		
Sunday 2 nd December	1 st Sunday of Advent 9.00 am	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Jackson		
Tuesday 4 th December	9.30 am	Holy Communion		

Rev. Jackson will lead the Tuesday morning services in term time.

Christmas:		
Sunday		
16 th December	4.00 pm	Carol Service
Monday		
24 th December	10.00 pm	Holy Communion



Suffolk Royal British Legion Armistice 100 in Kersey 1918 ~ 2018

Thursday 8th and Sunday 11th November 2018, at 10.45am.

This year is the **100th anniversary** of the signing of the Armistice, marking the end of the Great War in 1918.

There are **1,332** Great War graves across Suffolk two of which reside in St Mary's churchyard at **Kersey**. These will be honoured during two services with a minute's silence and by the laying of wreaths and poppies by the children of Kersey School.

All residents, school parents, friends and the wider community are invited to both of these two special acts of remembrance at St Mary's Church, Kersey.

Both services will be officiated by

Rev'd Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

Teas, coffees and biscuits etc. will be served after each service.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Everybody welcome!

For further details please contact: lindanewbigging@btinternet.com or 07905 731 431

NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Squirrels (Reception):

Squirrels class have been getting used to the rules and routines in their class, enjoying a range of activities all about themselves and who they are.

Next term they will be learning all about celebrations and festivals and will be preparing for our nativity in December.

Hedgehogs (Years 1 and 2):

Hedgehogs have had fun this half term learning about food and how to eat healthily, including making their own fruit salads which they all enjoyed! We have also been learning about Haiku's and writing our own Haiku's to describe the fruit we used for our fruit salad.

Squirrels and Hedgehogs would like to invite the village of Kersey to come and see our dress rehearsal for our Nativity production on Monday 10th December at St Mary's Church, Kersey. More details to follow.

Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

What a busy start to the Autumn term we have had in Badgers Class! To finish off our Tudor topic on Wednesday we are having a Tudor day filled with music, dancing and real Tudor food. In RE we have been thinking about how Jesus is a Saviour for Christians around the world, Christmas definitely came early as we have made Christmas Cards and created our own Nativity characters. In Literacy we transformed ourselves into Henry the 8th to write our own letter to Anne of Cleves to persuade her to come to England to marry Henry. Thankfully there wasn't too much talk about chopping her head off!!!

Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls class have completed their Bikeability certificates and are all now safe on the roads; they thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite cycling up and down the Kersey street to practise! We are continuing our topic of Ancient Greeks; we have learned more about Greek gods and goddesses as well as Greek houses and temples.

If you would like to know more about Kersey school or would like to arrange a visit please ring the office on 01473 823397, email: admin@kersey.suffolk.sch.uk or visit our website: www.kersey.suffolk.sch.uk



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FARMING NOTES - November 2018

Arable:

Autumn cereal sowing was completed by 12 October, as hoped. It has all been rolled to compact the seedbed and improve the 'seed to soil contact' which aids germination. Pre-emergence weed control has also been finished, and the crops have emerged well so we can now see that our new employee, Ryan Steer, has done a good job! The Oil Seed Rape (OSR) has continued to flourish in the good conditions this autumn.

Base fertiliser (phosphate, potash, magnesium and salt) has been applied to land intended for the 2019 sugar beet crop and this is currently being ploughed as the first preparation for a good seedbed next March.

Livestock:

Now that the cows and their spring born calves have eaten most of the abundant grass which grew in the latter part of the summer it is time to house them. The first 20 cows were weaned (split from their calves) in early October. More recently, the main group of 35 cows have been housed and their calves separated. It takes just a few days for them to adjust to housing and their winter rations. Feed for the cows will be straw and silage together with malt nuts (a high protein concentrate feed) and minerals. Calves are fed malt nuts and fodder beet together with a mineral bucket, they also have access to straw or silage because enough roughage in their diet is important.

We have recently agreed the sale of 4 more young British Blue bulls to the breeding company Cogent. Before movement the bulls have to pass several veterinary health checks and blood tests. All being well, eventually the bulls will go to stud and produce semen for use on dairy cows to produce meaty crossbred calves. This will bring the total number of Kersey British Blue bulls sold to Cogent in recent years to 16.

The last of this season's Suffolk breeding rams were taken to a sale at Ashford in Kent recently. There is a fair degree of uncertainty and a definite lack of confidence in the breeding sheep trade at the moment; this is as a result of the current shambles which they call Brexit! However, we were pleased to sell all 5 of the rams reasonably well and come home with an empty trailer.

36 ewe lambs are enjoying the crop of stubble turnips on the field near the play area. This crop has grown so well that more ewes will be joining them soon to make best use of it. The flush of the two Blue Texel ewes went ahead; 7 fertile embryos were retrieved and implanted into crossbred recipient ewes and will hopefully result in a rapid expansion of the flock in March.



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Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - rachel@kersey-village.co.uk or Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - kersey@moonridge.me.uk

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