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June 2019



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#### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

#### **Church Clergy:**

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

#### **Church Wardens:**

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230. and vacant position.

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#### **SWEEP AND DUST**

Weeks beginning:

10th June – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker
 24th June – Sarah Partridge and Jenny Partridge

#### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to all who helped raise a total of £196.22 with your collection boxes last year. Thanks to you, we can continue to be there for children in this country who feel scared, unloved or feel that they don't matter. I would like to count the boxes this year during the week beginning 17th June and would be grateful if you could get your box to me by then. If you would like a collection box please do get in touch.

Susannah Marsh 01473 822927.

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met on the 1st May. Amongst matters arising from the last minutes:-

A new cleaner had been purchased. The PCC will continue to provide parishioners with a detailed summary of the business discussed at PCC meetings via the newsletter. It has been confirmed our heating is the most effective type for our building. Alternative heating for the bell tower will be discussed at the next meeting. The rector reported on employing a parish administrator. 12th October date for Harvest flower festival.

Fabric: Repair to west door to be done to make it draught free. Rood screen door needs new hinges. Work needs to be done to the bell tower floor. It had been suggested and agreed we box in the boiler and electricity meter cupboard. The bell ringers to be asked to clear any items ready for this work.

Also discussed was fund raising, finance, contactless payments, newsletter and health and safety folder.

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#### **FOUND**

A pair of shears were left near the church lych gate these are now in the church porch waiting to be claimed.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

I would be grateful if someone would offer to help arrange the altar flowers. As this is my position this year for the festivals I now seem to be doing them every week without a break.

Rachel.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **KERSEY PLANT & SALE TRAIL 2019**

As always with lovely Kersey, enormous thanks need to go to everyone who took part in the Sale Trail on Saturday 11 May. We hosted this mainly for people to have fun (and make some money for themselves!), which I think they did on both fronts but we also, amazingly, managed to raise £691.55! The Two Sozzled Chefs very generously donated to the Church all their profits (£165) from their 'street food' stall, Tom Smith kindly donated £40 also to the Church allowing us to send the PCC a cheque for £626.00. There were two donations of £45.05 and £20 to Kersey Projects (this will help 'kick start' the Harvest Flower Festival in October) – watch this space!

The successful sale of plants took place in the Church and another, separate donation, of £100 was made to St Mary's PCC. Thank you to all of you who bought Kersey's famous plants!

So... thanks to stall holders, tea and cake makers and everyone who came and supported. We hope you enjoyed the day, despite the weather! (See pics on covers.)

#### **Kersey Projects Team**

#### **VPA OUTING**

Visit to RHS Wisley on the 6th July. Cost of coach and gardens is £27 each. RHS members pay for coach only which is £15 per person. Cheques payable to Kersey VPA and sent to Rachel Wells.

Please confirm you are coming by the middle of June as I have to book tickets.

#### **SYMPATHY**

We send our condolence to Ian, Nikki and family on the death of Ian's father.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Ian and Joan Hattrick who have recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

#### **WELCOME**

To Fred and Carol who have moved from Yorkshire to 8 Vale Lane.

#### KERSEY SUMMER FAYRE

See advert on **p10**.

If you would be able to spare an hour or two on the day to help with a stall, please get in touch with Claire at: **friendsofkerseyschool@gmail.com** 

#### **CALOR RURAL COMMUNITY FUND**

Please vote for Kersey's proposed Village Hall refurbishments in "Calor's Rural Community Fund". You have to register, but it's pretty painless and completely free. We could get £5,000! Voting ends on 17th June.

www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund/refurbishment-of-kersey-village-hall (After verifying your email address it is necessary to log out of the Calor page and log in again and may sometimes be necessary to clear your browser's cookies or use a different browser.)

#### **TUESDAY CLUB**

In May members enjoyed their annual meal this year held at The Bell. Competition for "Something edible beginning with P" was won by Norah Orriss. On 4th June we are meeting at Kersey Mill 7.00pm. We will be given a tour of the Mill first followed by coffee/tea and scones. This should be an interesting evening seeing how work to the Mill is progressing. If anyone else would like to join us please let me know by Monday latest as I have to confirm numbers.

Competition "Photograph of a mill".

#### WILLIAM'S GREEN WINDMILL

The cover picture on May's newsletter showing The Old Mill House at William's Green sparked a discussion with its new owners, Greg & Monica, about the history of the windmill that once stood there. We believe it was demolished around 1907, and have found the names of some of the former millers, but it would be great to learn any more of its history and any pictures would be very interesting.

Can anyone help?

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#### Squirrels (Reception):

Squirrels have been busy learning around the topic of 'Superheroes'. We are currently planning our own superhero story based around Supertato. Everyone is enjoying dressing up in capes and masks and role playing in our Superhero Headquarters! Last week we joined with Year 1 to spend the morning with Miraiker (a puppeteer). The morning was full of fun watching puppets shows based around traditional stories and making up our own.

#### Hedgehogs (Years 1 and 2):

Hedgehogs have had a very busy term so far. Our topic this half term is Africa. All the children really enjoyed an African Art Day where they spent the morning printing and making African Rainmakers. We think they work rather too well with all the rain we've been having lately! We are looking forward to our Sports Day soon and hope the rain stays away that day.

#### Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

Badgers class had a great day on their trip to the Ipswich museum. Not only did we have fun learning about different aspects of the Stone Age with activities like clay bowl making and artefacts hunt, we also got the bus to and from Ipswich rather than a coach. The children really enjoyed handing over their money to the driver and looking after their ticket.

As part of our English topic we used our experiences from the school trip to write our own newspaper reports, as well as creating posters as to why people should visit the Ipswich museum.

#### Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls have started the new term learning about the Shang Dynasty, the first recorded ancient Chinese civilisation. They have found out about some of their rulers and leaders and last week, they had a visit from a martial arts instructor who shared some ancient Chinese skills, including Tai Chi and Kung Fu. They learned about how these arts began and why. We have read two stories, The Magic Paintbrush and The Firework Maker's Daughter, and they have been the basis of our English learning. The Y6 children are working hard on their SATs as we speak!

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school with a variety of things including art and reading. If you feel you would be able to give a little bit of your time to help please contact the office on the number below.

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

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

#### How should we look after Kersey Churchyard?

Funerals are deeply moving occasions where sadness mingles with love and fondness - and sometimes a measure of relief when pain has ended – and very occasionally anger as unresolved conflicts are brought to the surface with the swirling emotions.

Churchyards have a sacred role to play; they hold both our memories and earthly remains. Often at that last goodbye we place letters, flowers or keepsakes in the ground to connect us with the one we have let go. Because of this we often find peace in a churchyard and sitting on a bench our minds wander over the litany of people we no longer see or touch. No matter where they lie, sitting in Kersey churchyard brings them to our minds, and Kersey churchyard is quite the most beautiful I have ever sat in. I know we are blessed with a gorgeous act of geography but it has a peace and a softness about it.

All of which means we must treat it with extraordinary gentleness, we share it with all those of have said farewell within its boundaries; and we share it with what should be abundant wildlife, as we do for example in the area on the north side.

So I want us to begin a long conversation, one that will probably take the best part of a year. We need as a parish to decide what sort of churchyard we want; how it should be maintained; how often we cut the grass and how intensively we cut it. Is there scope for wildflower areas? Or even more encouragement of wildlife, particularly birds? Can we improve the areas which hold more recent graves with seating? And what other ways can we gently and carefully manage this sacred space?

At each Christian funeral there is a passage read; whether read in haste in war at a soldier's battlefield burial, or said at the end of a full funeral in church, they are the last words spoken as our loved one is consigned to the ground. We should treasure that ground as gently as we treasure their memories:

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

#### Coffee and listening

Each month on the first Tuesday of the month at 11.00am, either the Vicar or a member of the PCC will be in St Mary's for an hour. Drop in and have a chat about the Churchyard; the Church; the Shrine; Kersey Arts Programme; ideas you have and suggestions. The coffee will be fairly good, the company perhaps better. A reminder that all events and services and coffee and chat times are on **www.kind.church**, just click on the link for our church.

#### **Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.**

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#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	1st after Ascension	Said BCP Communion
2 June	9.00am	Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 4 June	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday	Whit Sunday	CW Holy Communion
9 June	11.00am with Baptism	Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 11 June	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday	Trinity Sunday	Cafe Church
16 June	11.00am	tba
Tuesday	18 June	NO SERVICE
Sunday	1st after Trinity	Evensong
23 June	6.30pm	Mrs. Julie Boast
Tuesday 25 June	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday	2nd after Trinity	Benefice Service
30 June	10.30am at Elmsett Church	Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 2 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led



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#### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

#### PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 13th. May.

Present were Chairman John Hume, six councillors, clerk, forty members of the public and Babergh District Councillor for part of the meeting.

John Hume welcomed the new councillors and congratulated them all following the recent election. There had not been a contested election for a number of years. He thanked the clerk for the extra work she had undertaken. All councillors were reminded that they must complete the Register of Interests.

Election: Chairman John Hume, Vice Chairman Andrew Rogers.

Apologies were received from Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsay.

All other appointments were made. – **Footpath Working Group:** Kevin Pratt, Andrew Rogers, Penny Calnan. **KCPC:** Pascoe Gibbons. **Millennium book fund:** All councillors. **SALC:** Kevin Pratt. **Village Hall:** Philippa Harris. **Playing Field:** John Hume. **Franey Rand:** Rachael Rogers. **Nightingale Trust:** David Woollard, Natalie Blyth. Members of Footpath Working Group, KCPC Working Group were all confirmed.

**Parish time:** A member of the public asked if the agenda could be changed and planning brought forward. This was agreed to. The Village Hall has applied for funding from Calor Rural Community Fund. All residents were encouraged to vote using the online system.

**Clerks report:** Highways have confirmed Kersey is scheduled for verge cutting week beginning 17th. June. KCPC have asked the school if they can suggest ideas for new play equipment. Parents are asked regularly to park considerately when visiting the school. The Bell Inn continues to offer parking for parents who can then walk their children up the hill to school. Following the material produced for the recent election it was stated that in recent years there have been non contested elections. Notices advertising elections and vacancies are always posted by the clerk on the notice boards encouraging residents to apply.

#### **Planning:** Progress –

Linton House. Babergh council had refused permission for erection of one single storey dwelling. Reasons given were highway safety concerns and is a form of infill which does not make a positive contribution to the local character, shape and scale of the area.

Kersey Mill. Proposal for two detached houses with cart lodges. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the Babergh DC refusal. Meeting was then opened to the public.

Hall House, The Green. Erection of cart lodge following removal of dilapidated garage. After discussion councillors agreed to support these applications.

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Kersey Mill. Proposal for two dwellings with associated buildings. This was the third application to be considered by the parish council, they had supported the previous two. The applicant said additional homes on this site were necessary for the safe operation of the water mill and security. All councillors supported the work carried out to preserve the mill but some had concerns about the impact the development would have on the heritage aspects. After a lengthy discussion and a close vote 4-3 it was resolved to object to this application.

Land south west of Vale Lane. Proposal. Outline application for erection of eight dwellings with parking. Since the pre application meeting the plans had been amended to take into account views which had been expressed. Nine members of the public spoke objecting to this proposal. After hearing the views of the public councillors then discussed this application in detail. Councillors were unanimous in objecting to this application. Following this discussion it was agreed that completing a housing needs survey and a Neighbourhood Plan for the village was important.

**Leigh Jamieson** the new Babergh district councillor gave a short report and answered questions. Correspondence had been circulated. One item concerned the bus service from Hadleigh to Sudbury via Kersey which was under threat of stopping. This service will continue to operate.

All items under finance, parish council accounts, Governance statements and policies were reviewed and approved.

Planning applications. The clerk had written to Babergh D C regarding a previous application. The council had been granted extra time to respond to this application only to find an officer had decided the case before hearing the council's comments.

**KCPC:** The chestnut fencing had been replaced. New volunteers are needed on the grass cutting rota. There has been no response regarding new equipment.

Footpath working group: Grass cutting is underway and all paths are walkable.

**Crossroads safety:** Clerk to write to the landowner to see if he would cut back the scrub growing on the bank to improve visibility.

**Speed monitoring** in the parish to be added to the next agenda.

**Training:** New councillors would require training. Councillors who had attended the SALC two day training said they had found it helpful.

**AOB:** A new planning application had been received. An extraordinary meeting will be arranged.

The chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and excellent discussions during an unusually long meeting.



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#### PARISH NEWS (cont. from p10)

#### **BEAUMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HADLEIGH**

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#### FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S TRUST

Friends of St Mary's were delighted to present Richard Humphrey's talk on 'The greatest painting in the world', John Constable's The Leaping Horse. This took place on Wednesday 29th May at St Mary's and raised over £400 for the Fund. We would like to say a huge thank you to Richard for not only delivering a thoroughly entertaining and informative evening but also for his generosity in donating his fees to FoSM. Sales of his latest book, 'The Leaping Horse' (signed) also went to the Trust for the evening. (Further signed copies available at £9.95).

Our next event at St. Mary's will be Hexachordia and their summer concert, 'All in a Garden Green', on Saturday 8th June. Tickets are on sale now at £15, contact below.

Also, we are excited to announce the forthcoming Jazz & Creole night on Friday 26th July. The Chris Ingham trio, a regular at Ronnie Scott's, have agreed to play at Kersey Village Hall. Ticket are £25 and will go on sale on Monday 3rd June and the price includes Creole Wraps and sides by the Two Sozzled Chefs. Limited availability.

For all tickets and further information on any event please contact Jackie at **fosmkersey@ gmail.com** or call **07721 625932** or **07484649235**.

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#### **WEATHER**

Rainfall for April: 12mm (½" approx)
Maximum temperature: 20°C (68°F approx.)
Minimum temperature: -1°C (30°F approx.)

### FARMING NOTES - May 2019

#### Arable:

Although we had 23 mm of rain in early May, the ground water deficit is only increasing as the relentless dry weather continues and the plants use what little moisture there is as we approach the point at which the earliest harvested crops begin to ripen. My Grandfather used to say 'a dripping June keeps things in tune'. Let's hope we get more than a few drips in June and that it's not too late! Flowering is over in the Oil Seed Rape (OSR) and the seed bearing pods are beginning to form. Flowering in the wheats will happen in early June and moisture is needed to allow the plants to fill the grain sites in the ear. I do not apologise for banging on about the weather as it is probably the one thing that affects our business more than anything else and it is beyond our control. I am amazed how the sugar and fodder beet have progressed, albeit rather late, with the minimal amount of rain. Again a wet time soon would help greatly to swell the roots and increase the yield.

#### Cattle:

Calving finally finished at the very end of April and the cows with their calves at foot have been turned out to grass for the summer. Bulls were turned in with 3 groups of cows and have been working steadily. The early flush of grass is too much for the cattle to cope with so we make big bale silage with some of the excess. 260 bales have been made (a little earlier than usual), wrapped in plastic and stacked at the



#### **FARMING NOTES - (cont.)**

farm for use in the winter. As the summer goes on the grass growth slows and as the calves grow they eat more, so all grass from here on will be grazed.

In an interesting development Cogent the cattle breeding company who we sell bulls to have asked us to implant 20 Pedigree Aberdeen Angus embryos for them (imported from the USA). The resulting calves will be sold back to Cogent at 10 months of age. We will also be implanting more British Blue embryos to breed bulls to sell to Cogent.

#### Sheep:

The lambs have been growing well and some which have not made the grade for breeding have been sold for meat. Shearing is another task at this time of year, you might think that the ewes would be pleased to lose their winter coats, but they still put up a bit of a fight! I am not a very quick shearer but I do take some pleasure from shearing them myself, it is dirty, hard work but quite satisfying.

#### **Shows:**

It was lovely to have Alice home from New Zealand for 6 weeks recently, she was a great help in lots including ways halter training and preparing cattle for the Hadleigh Show. she also trained her Kiwi boyfriend in the art of cattle showing. We were delighted when they won first prize with a pair of British Blue heifers.



Sarah also had success in the sheep show ring winning a first with a Suffolk ram lamb and a second prize in the Continental classes with a Blue Texel. At the time of writing we are preparing sheep and cattle for the Suffolk Show - the next event on the farming calendar.

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#### **DIARY DATES**

3 June	– Parish Council Extraordinary meeting, Village Hall
4 June	– Tuesday club visit to Kersey Mill19.00
8 June	– Hexachordia music group St Mary's church
30 June	– School summer Fayre and ball run
6 July	– VPA outing
8 July	– Parish Council Village Hall19.30
10 July	- PCC
26 July	– Jazz in the Village Hall19.00-23.00



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