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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

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Church Wardens:

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and vacant position.

Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

SWEEP AND DUST

- 6th April – Louise Gibbons and Rachel Wells.
11th April – Easter. Please come if you can.
20th April – Suzie Rudkin and Philippa Harris.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This was scheduled for 22nd April 2020. However, we have taken the decision to postpone the meeting until at least May. PCCs have had an extension to the deadline for holding the meeting until July so we hope to update you via the next newsletter.

We do have vacancies on the PCC so if you are interested in joining our team then please let me know ***lindanewbigging@btinternet.com*** or 079057431431

If you would like to help but do not want to join the PCC, perhaps you might consider helping with the following:

Helping write Health and Safety policy and risk assessments.

Helping with a monthly stock take of gifts, cards and items on sale.

Adding your name to the cleaning or flower rota.

Becoming a Sidesperson and helping at a service once every couple of months.

Winding the clock – join the team and wind once every 12 weeks or so.

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PARISH NEWS

KERSEY AND THE CORONAVIRUS

The Parish Council have set up a group of Volunteers to provide help in our community to those affected. The Volunteers will provide help with shopping, collecting prescriptions and posting letters. An explanatory leaflet has been distributed to each household giving contact details of the Volunteers and advice on this highly contagious virus. If you haven't had your copy, please call the Parish Council Clerk, Sarah Partridge on 01787 210859.

PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale has been cancelled.

In May I will have plants available from home. Regal pelargoniums, bedding, hanging and scented leaf geraniums, hanging begonias, echeverias, plus some bedding plants, tomato, runner bean and courgette plants and a few perennials. Arrangements for collection can be made later. These will help to provide funds for the church following the cancellation of the plant sale. You don't need to feel isolated if you have a garden to get out in even if you don't see your neighbour the birds will keep you company. – Rachel

VILLAGE HALL

The meal in April has been cancelled for the time being. Hope it can be rearranged for later in the year. – Norah Orriss.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S EVENTS UPDATE

Due to all of the prevailing uncertainty and measures to keep everyone safe, it is with great regret that FoSM has had to cancel the Family Farm Day planned at Chris and Sarah Partridge's farm on Saturday 4th April. The date was very much dependent on calving and lambing, which as you know has a Springtime natural timing, so sadly we will miss the opportunity for a great family day out this year.

We have also heard from the Kelvedon Singers that they too will not be able to perform their much acclaimed Hummel Mass on April 25th. We are hopeful that a date later in the year may work, so we will certainly stay in touch with the singers and share a new date if and when we are able to do so. All ticket sales have been refunded in full.

At the moment we are still planning to present the Chris Ingham jazz trio on Saturday 25th July but obviously we will monitor the situation closely as we approach July. We wish everyone and their families a safe and healthy Easter and look forward to coming back in the Summer with a resounding bang!

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TUESDAY CLUB

At the first meeting of 2020 members were joined by John Robinson who came to talk about his holiday in Central Asia. This is made up of the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. These countries which end with -stan means “Place of the people”. In June last year he flew from Heathrow to Istanbul before another five hour flight to Bishkek. He visited many places which were on the ancient Silk Road, in some parts they were poor, others were rich in oil and gas. The terrain was mountainous in parts and desert in others. He saw nomads looking after sheep and living in yurts. The main industries are tourism, farming, oil and gas. Tashkent the capital of Uzbekistan was mostly destroyed by an earthquake in 1966 but has since been completely rebuilt. Lots of mulberry trees are grown, the shoots being used to feed the silk worms. A silk carpet takes between 8-10 months to complete. He also saw how felt was made. Snow cover was visible in many parts, before leaving to come home there was a tremendous thunderstorm when the roads quickly becoming flooded luckily the flood water soon subsided. The talk was accompanied by pictures of the scenery and architecture. Competition for “A holiday souvenir” was won by Jean Jarvis.

Tuesday club has been postponed until further notice.

FORGET ME NOTS

All outings for the “Forget Me Nots” will be cancelled until further notice. Don't forget, Forget Me Nots, if you need anything or wish to have a chat at anytime, please ring me on 01473 823188. Stay well and keep smiling, but don't feel lonely or isolated, the whole Village are rallying around to help. – Veronica Partridge

THANKS

John English – Lynn, Katherine and Jo would like to say a belated thank you to all the people who very kindly donated to John's charities in the church service of Thanksgiving held on the 29th November. It was extremely kind of everyone, much appreciated by us all, really overwhelming.

A big thank you to Rev Jackson, Holly and the team who worked so hard over the past months for the re-hallowing of the shrine.

I would like to thank most sincerely, all my friends and neighbours in Wickerstreet Green and Kersey for the help, kindness and support given to Jill and myself during my recent illness. – Terry Bond

Thank you to everyone involved in setting up the Coronavirus support teams throughout the parish. We were touched by the thoughtfulness and the care from friends and neighbours within the parish.

Sheila and Tom Whittaker, Bramble Cottage, Kersey Tye.

PARISH NEWS (cont.)

KERSEY OPEN GARDENS

It is with the greatest reluctance and sadness that we have made the decision to cancel 'Open Gardens' on June 6. With a very fast moving situation regarding Coronavirus it seems prudent that we do this now, rather than wait until nearer the time. An enormous thank you to the 26 garden owners who committed to open on June 6, for the benefit of St Elizabeth's Hospice, Ipswich. At present, the Christmas Party date of November 28 is still in the diary and perhaps we may be able to raise funds then to support the Hospice.

The Kersey Projects Team

THE KERSEY BELL

We would like to thank everyone for their huge support at this difficult time and look forward to seeing you again soon. Stay safe everyone, Janet and Wendy

BUS SERVICE 112 – HADLEIGH TO SUDBURY

The 112 service that currently serves Kersey twice a week going into Sudbury will cease on 3.4.20. If we can help with transport from Kersey into Hadleigh please call 01473 826242, where onward travel to Sudbury would be possible on the Beestons 91 service. We are regularly in Kersey with our Connecting Communities service and would like be able to help with transport.

Although the 112 will cease we can help get them into Hadleigh

Joy Moran, Transport Services Manager, Hadleigh Community Transport Group

WEATHER

Rainfall for February66mm (2.6")

Maximum temperature13°C (55°F)

Minimum temperature0°C (32°F)

FARMING NOTES

Arable:

I am delighted to report that the spring has brought us some drying weather at last and that we are finally able to begin catching up with the land work after a difficult autumn and winter. We have applied base fertilizer and the first dose of granular nitrogen to all established cereals, Oil seed rape and grassland. Currently we are cultivating ahead of the drill to allow the soil to dry before sowing with spring barley. We will have around one hundred acres more of this than we planned as it is now too late to sow any more winter wheat. From some of the questions I have had recently

FARMING NOTES (cont.)

been asked it seems worth mentioning that whether winter wheat or barley is sown between September and February, or spring barley is sown between February and April, they are all ready to harvest at roughly the same time the following August. Later sowing tends to give a poorer yield, but earlier sowed crops suffer more disease and weed pressure, so there is always a compromise. How lucky are we all to live in such a beautiful rural area where hopefully there will not be too much infection from the insidious virus that is currently so prevalent elsewhere.

Cattle:

Nine of the Pedigree Aberdeen Angus calves mentioned last month have now been born. Usually when a group of British Blue embryo transfer calves are due to be born I induce calving by giving the cows a steroid injection so that the pregnancies do not go overdue which can result in over large calves and calving issues. In the case of the Angus embryos, which we were confident would produce small calves, I did not do this but allowed nature to take its course. This resulted in a surprising spread of calving with 13 days between the first and last calves, even though they were all due on the same day. However, as expected the birth weights were low, 34 to 43kg. Our usual calves weigh about 50kg and some can be over 60kg. The Angus which were like little deer were very active and found the teat quickly, which is always a good thing. Meanwhile some commercial calves and Pedigree Blues have also been arriving. Spring grass growth has begun and it will be great to get some of the cows and calves turned out as soon as the nights are a little less cold.

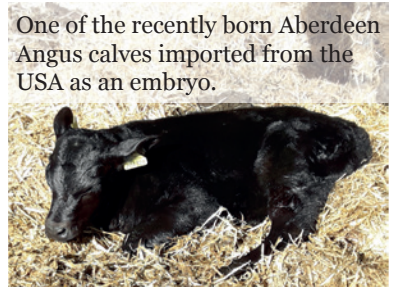
A recent embryo transfer flush of 2 British Blue cows yielded 21 embryos, 12 of these were implanted fresh into recipient cows and the remainder were frozen for use at a later date.

Sheep:

Lambing has continued throughout March albeit rather more slowly than we would have liked and with the usual lambing frustrations and lack of sleep. The earlier born lambs will be turned out to grass with their mothers very soon.

Bridges Farm Open Day:

Sadly the open day has gone the same way as every other social gathering on the calendar, its cancellation inevitable in the light of recent government restrictions. On another virus related note: I used to take some pleasure from the fact that my commute to work was probably one of the shortest of anyone in the parish, but now that working from home has become the norm my 40 metre walk across the yard is above average!



One of the recently born Aberdeen Angus calves imported from the USA as an embryo.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

For those with longish memories and some age behind you, think back to Live Aid 1985 or find the U2 segment of it on YouTube. The concert was organised in order to reach out across the continents to the starving of Ethiopia and Somalia. Anyway U2 were next up and Bono was in one of his moods. He couldn't stand the whole rock-star-in-splendid-isolation thing on the stage. Part way through "Bad" he went walkabout. In front of the largest TV audience in history he jumped down from the mega stage to dance with a stranger. He'd just screamed out the refrain:

***This Desperation,
Dislocation,
Separation, Condemnation,
Isolation, Desolation.
Let it go.***

He felt the distance and nearly broke his back trying to bridge it. The rest is history; he danced with a stranger, held the heart of a billion people and showed them that Live Aid wasn't some coins chucked at the poor, but an attempt to join hands. The band had no idea what was going on and in fury almost sacked him after he came off stage. Meanwhile Bono and his wife packed their bags and set off for the slums of Eritrea and worked there for six weeks with the sick and the dying.

Brothers and sisters and friends and parishioners we are social people, we need each other, we are connected by default and by need. Right now all sorts of connectedness has been taken away from us, touch, proximity and smiling faces and replaced by more news and a lot less loo roll.

So it's up to us, inspired by our God who is utter connectedness in His nature and love, it's up to us to reach out and connect. Don't let a week go by without ringing up half a dozen people and don't risk the game of "they're probably alright, not the sort to get lonely". Ring them. Get connected with local online groups, find out who needs us in virtual and in practical need.

I could easily stretch the U2 analogy too far but the thing is we have the opportunity to emerge this autumn from the catastrophe stronger and more certain of each other's love and loyalty. We can emerge closer to God and less cynical of words like faith, hope and sacrifice. St Mary's will be with you and we will not lose our community or our faith; we'll stand together in our church and sing Silent Night, and if government restrictions permit, we'll hold hands whilst we do it.

God Bless you,

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

There will be no services in church until further notice, however daily service is continuing via YouTube.com. If you would like to be included on the email which links to Jackson's daily service, please contact **community@kind.church** and Phillippa will add you to the list. You may also subscribe to the channel via YouTube – search "Parish Connection". A lovely way to 'visit' our Benefice churches. Please go to **www.kerseychurch.org** for information.

RE-HALLOWING SERVICE

On the 8th March a special service led by Rev Jackson and attended by over 200 people was held at St. Mary's church. This was for the re-hallowing of the shrine the original one being destroyed hundreds of years earlier. The service commenced at The Splash with Kersey school choir beginning the chant "O lord hear my prayer" followed by a response from a soloist on top of the tower. The choirs and people then processed up the hill to the church where the service continued. Bishop Martin Seeley gave a sermon followed by the re-hallowing prayer. The singing was led by choirs from Ipswich school, the benefice and Kersey school. During the service children from the school placed prayers in the area which is once again a shrine. The members of the congregation were also invited to write their prayers. A wonderful end to eighteen months of planning and hard work but also a new beginning. During the afternoon the ringers rung the bells in celebration of the re-hallowing.

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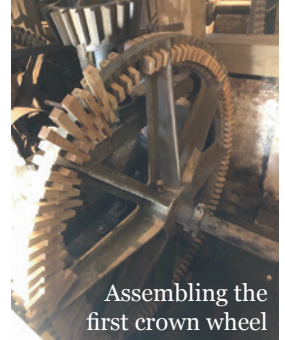
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NEWS FROM KERSEY MILL

Restoration Update

Last month we reported that work to reinstate the three pairs of water driven stones at Kersey Mill was underway and we were about to embark on building the associated stone furniture and crown wheels. The tuns to the three sets of stones have now been built using local pine and all three pairs of the water driven stones are back in place. There is, however, plenty of work in progress. We need to make horses, hoppers, shoes, damsels and scrapers to complete the furniture. The crown wheel, which runs the middle stones, has been re-toothed using Copper Beech from the adjoining orchard. Sadly the Copper Beech that once stood on the riverbank died a few years ago, however we arranged for the timber to be milled with the intention of it being incorporated within crown wheels. The timber dried very nicely and it is now being put to good use as teeth for the two crown wheels.



Assembling the first crown wheel

Re-toothed the first crown wheel has proven to be a complex and painstaking process: first you need to plane the material to a consistent size then blank, create 2 shoulders, one on either side and cut 4 cheeks at various angles to match those of the crown wheel. Then plane to a tight fit, so that just a light hammer sets the tooth home. Once all the teeth are in position, spacing can commence using dividers, by marking the centre line and profile. Finally, remove the teeth and plane the front profile, using the shoulders to retain the wedges. The wedges are created in a very similar way: replace two teeth and wedge, repeat 104 times until all teeth are in position then cut wedges to fit the inside and outside rim.

We are now ready to repeat the entire process for the second crown wheel. Further works to the governors and line shaft have also commenced.

Test Drive

On Shrove Tuesday we decided to put our stone machinery to the test! The grain was kindly donated by Chaplin Farms of Nedging and, for the first time in approximately



The first baked loaf using our stone ground flour.

110 years, our refurbished set of stones actually produced flour! Kersey Mill's first stone ground loaf of bread was baked here on site at The Miller's Kitchen by Charlie de Lara-Bell, who is an artisan baker. We are very much looking forward this becoming a regular occurrence, once we're in production. There is still a lot of work to do until we can finally say that Kersey Mill is milling again, but nevertheless Shrove Tuesday was quite a momentous day.

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PARISH COUNCIL

A parish council meeting was held on the 2nd March.

Present was chairman John Hume, five councillors, clerk and three members of the public. The District councillor attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from one councillor and the County councillor who had sent a report.

Report from Robert Lindsay the County Councillor. Suffolk County Council have agreed to scrap the Ipswich northern route project. All the county's street lights will eventually be converted to LEDs. The bus service from Hadleigh to Sudbury via Kersey and Bildeston will cease in April. A new service from Bildeston to Sudbury is being planned however this will not include Kersey.

Highways are implementing a new way of managing utilities when doing road works.

Parish time: A road closure sign with find alternative route was erected at the top of Vale Lane. This was confusing as the road works were past the houses and there is no alternative route.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Consider concerns of HGV traffic through Wickerstreet Green. The clerk had spoken to the owner of the business on Cox Hill, Boxford. He said he was disappointed that the parish council had concerns about traffic using Kersey roads to access his business. He commented that Babergh and SCC Highways were very supportive of his business which is providing employment. After discussion it was agreed the clerk write and asks that he encourages lorry drivers to use the approved route through Boxford.

Clerks report: Thanks were expressed to the volunteers who had helped with the annual litter pick. The school eco committee would be litter picking at another time. The Kersey volunteer group (KVG) was officially launched. Volunteers have been designated a particular area to be responsible for i.e. litter pick and to note and report highway problems. Suffolk CC have confirmed Cherry Hill verges are on this years schedule. The emergency plan has been updated.

The welcome pack for new residents is now available. The clerk confirmed that Kersey is on the list for traffic recording strips. There had been a number of recent burglaries from outbuildings in Kersey. Anyone who sees anything suspicious is encouraged to dial 101 or 999. A councillor spoke about an on line scheme called "Next Door Neighbour" This could be used to pass on information of burglaries, road closures etc. If set up it would be independent of the parish council.

Correspondence was noted.

Finance: Bank balances were noted and payments approved for mower service, Village Hall hire, Playing field association, clerks salary and expenses. After discussion it was agreed to pay the clerk for the additional hours she had worked. Councillors would like to give the clerk more support to reduce her workload. Councillors agreed to adopt Reserves policy and confirmed the level of fidelity guarantee insurance cover was adequate.

District councillor Leigh Jamieson joined the meeting. His report covered the budget and about the former council offices in Hadleigh which have been approved for conversion into homes. The planning committee had made a site visit to view the location of proposed application to rear of 1-6 The Street.

Planning: Land at Cherry Hill. Proposal. Works to fell poplar trees in conservation area.



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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

The application was received after the agenda was published so could not be discussed at the meeting. This had been supported previously but the permission has lapsed. It was agreed to respond stating that the council had supported the earlier application on felling the same trees.

Barn adjacent to Red House Farm Wickerstreet Green. Proposal. Conversion and alterations to agricultural building to form dwelling to include additional roof lights and erection of cart lodge. (Some of this had previously been approved) Councillors would like to see the barn converted and had supported the earlier application but had many concerns some being about the wildlife habitat and light pollution. Councillors eventually agreed not to support the current application due to lack of protection for wildlife and inaccuracies in the application.

Kersey Mill. Application for erection of four commercial units. One unit would be for a pre school nursery while the others were for existing businesses already on the site to expand into. Councillors agreed unanimously to support these plans.

One councillor left the meeting after declaring an interest in the next planning matter.

Land to rear of 1-6 The Street. Erection of seven dwellings. The chairman had made a site visit along with Babergh planning committee members. New documents have been submitted following the site visit. Councillors agreed to continue to object to this application as nothing new had come forward to make them change their minds.

Footpath working group: Next meeting of the group 24th March is cancelled. They are looking for new volunteers to help with the maintenance of the paths. Mowers have been serviced and are ready for use. Some clearance has already been carried out. The budget was approved.

KCPC working group: Three quotes have been received for a disabled swing. Surfaces would need attention. Additional funding would have to be sought. Another piece of equipment needs replacing and maintenance work carried out. Quiz night date provisionally set for the 13th Nov. Budget was approved.

Review of Effectiveness of Internal control Systems & Internal Audit: All was in order.

Review & adopt Risk Management Policy: A new policy on risk management has been put together, this was adopted.

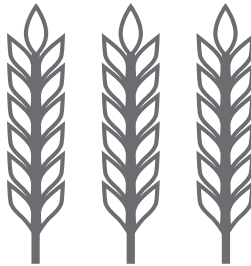
Review of Business Risk Register & Risk Assessments: The risk register has been updated. Risk assessments were reviewed and approved.

Reports: A councillor had attended the Police and Parish forum meeting in February. Main items discussed were burglaries and anti social behaviour.

AOB: A concern was raised about the coronavirus and what would happen if the Parish Council was unable to meet. The clerk confirmed some work could be done remotely but items such as planning would have to be delayed.

The Annual Parish Assembly on 6 April has been cancelled. All Kersey Parish Council scheduled meetings have also been cancelled for the time being. This current situation is unprecedented so there are currently no national guidelines as to how Parish Councils can continue to make decisions and function without holding public meetings. Further guidance on this is awaited from government and national organisations. As and when advice is received and the Parish Council makes alternative arrangements this will be published on the Parish Council/meetings page of the Kersey website <https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/meetings/>

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BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning for the future – councils receive national recognition

Planning officers for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are in the running for a national award, having paved the way for technological advances as part of 21st century planning.

The Development Management team, which looks after planning matters for both councils, is short-listed in the Best Use of Digital and Technology category at the annual iESE – Public Sector Transformation Awards 2020. The category recognises the innovative use of digital tools and technology in order to improve services for residents.

Judges were impressed by how the team had streamlined the planning application process for residents across the districts, bringing teams and systems together in order to become one of the top performing authorities for timely planning decisions. The team has also introduced electronic case management and a mobile app in order to put vital information at the fingertips of officers and the public – with public searches of information leaping from 600K in 2017 to 1.3M in 2018. And, although not yet in use, they have started to pave the way for future technological advances, such as the possible use of drones and augmented reality as part of the 21st century planning process.

Needham Market on track for bright future

Mid Suffolk District Council today welcomed news that Needham Market railway station is set to receive £380,000 in government funding to improve accessibility. The announcement, by the Department of Transport, that Needham Market is to benefit from funding through it's new Access for All programme gives a further boost to the council's plans to regenerate the town – and means that after a long local campaign, Needham Market can start to look forward to improved access to the station's Ipswich-bound Platform 2.

The application was part of a coordinated partnership approach between Greater Anglia, Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and the Needham Market Group.

Work on Mid Suffolk District Council's new visitors' centre at neighbouring Needham Lake is also due to start later this year – with the station improvements set to provide a safe, pleasant and accessible access route between the town and the popular beauty spot.

I am happy to help where I can, so please contact me if –

- You have any queries about the Council
- You are worried about your situation and need help
- You are concerned about someone else, be they vulnerable or not
- You feel that you may have been scammed
- You are unsure of information that you have received
- Or, anything else that I can't think of now.

Contact me on my council email leigh.jamieson@babergh.gov.uk or by telephone on 07548 156181 and you can also find me on twitter @leighjamieson1.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr)

BLUE FOR THE NHS

With great sadness we have had to close the church building after instruction from the authorities. It broke my heart to lock up the building, it's never happened in all its history.

We all love St Mary's and the Church Council have been trying to think of ways of us showing that. You probably know we are running the Light Up St Mary's campaign where people can donate £10 a month to have the church lit on a date of their choice. I know that campaign is still running so please contact Colin Grannell if you'd like to join it.

But meanwhile for the time of this national emergency we're lighting up St Mary's EVERY evening for an hour between 9pm and 10pm and because we love the NHS we're lighting it up blue.

God bless you all, Jackson.



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