# KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER May 2020





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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.

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.

#### JOHN MALTBY

We were all so saddened to hear of the death of John Maltby who died unexpectedly on the 4th April. He survived his late wife Anne by only 4 months. He was possessed of a modesty which concealed a person of considerable and varied talents.

After John and Anne moved to Kersey from Essex in 1994 they quickly became involved in village life. He was a member of the parish council serving as vice chair for a number of years, he organised the monthly footpath walks and was in charge of the upkeep of the village footpaths. He was secretary of the Village Hall committee where he was known for his beautifully handwritten minutes and was also a member of the Village Produce Association. He had to retire from these activities to look after his wife Anne when she became unwell and needed his care.

For many years he worked on his allotment as well as helping Anne maintain the garden in which they both took great pleasure. He also had an interest in bee keeping, photography and unlike most of us spoke fluent Russian. A number of house name signs in Kersey are a legacy of John's wood carving skills. John loved animals and could always be seen around the village with his dogs. He will be very much missed in the parish as he was always willing to take on any number of different tasks. In 2006 he was awarded a Babergh community achievement award in recognition of his services to the village.

We send our sympathy to Michele, Nick and their families.

Thank you to the villagers for all the lovely cards and letters following both Mum and John's deaths. Your words and thoughts have made a big difference. Mum and John's beloved dogs Samson and Lilah are both fit and adapting well to life in East London. Michele Colyer

#### **JACK STIFF**

We send our sympathy to Jill, Chris, Sally and family on the recent death of Jack. Jack lived in Kersey for the whole of his life and will be sadly missed by everyone.

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#### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

#### **ELSIE RICHARDSON**

Our sympathy goes to the family of Elsie Richardson. Elsie passed away in hospital aged 94 years.

She was born in Polstead but moved to Kersey when she married Tommy her late husband. She was a devoted mother to her six children. Until recently she had been a member of the "Forget Me Nots" and was known for her delicious cherries.

#### **BUNTY MORLEY**

We send our sympathy to Sheila and family on the passing of her aunt. The item below was written by Sheila.

It is with sadness I report the death of Eileen M. Morley (Bunty) nee Holden. She passed away peacefully in Uvedale Hall care home, Needham Market. Aged 99yrs. 7mths. She was born in Kersey and was sister to the late Ada Wyatt, and Charles and Lenny Holden. A much loved wife of her late husband Tom and a dear aunt and friend. She was laid to rest in Lindsey churchyard on 15th April 20 Unfortunately due to the pandemic of coronavirus there was no church service or wake. May she rest in peace.

#### **INVALIDS**

We send our best wishes to those who have been in hospital recently, attending hospital for treatment or have been suffering with illness at home.

#### **FOODBANK**

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to support the food bank via the donation points at Waitrose and Sainsbury's in Sudbury whilst the church is closed. Your contributions are very much needed and appreciated. *R Jones* 

#### **PLANTS**

I have received lots of orders for plants but still have some left. Just give me a ring to see what is available. These are plants which were being grown for the plant sale which we have had to cancel. *Rachel* 



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#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **DOCTOR FRANEY'S CHARITY**

Some years ago, Doctor Franey of Hadleigh founded a cottage hospital at Hadleigh and raised funds by public subscription to help maintain it. The hospital was closed when the National Health Service came in, but its property and funds remained in private hands and the Charity Commission used these assets to fund 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 convalescent and those in need of a rest or change of air to meet the costs of holidays. In every case the trustees must be able to satisfy themselves that the people whom they benefit are needy as well as deserving.

People living in Kersey who wish to apply for help for themselves, or, on behalf of someone else can telephone Rachael Rogers, (Representative Trustee for Kersey) on 01787 212242, or write to Mrs M Jeffrey, Clerk to the Trustees, 1 Cottesford Close, Hadleigh, Ipswich, IP7 5JA. Please be assured that all applications will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

Rachael Rogers

#### **BILDESTON SUPPORT GROUP**

A substantial foodbank has been set up in the Bildeston Baptist Church and they are happy to assist any residents that may be in need of help.

They are happy to take both referrals from yourselves and self-referrals from the person/people in difficulty. Contact Shaun Moffat who will be happy to discuss the matter further on either 01449 257136 or local rate number 0333 3355254. Alternatively please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards, Leigh

#### 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

#### **WEATHER**

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#### PARISH REPORTS

#### **ART GROUP** David Griffiths

Eight regularly attend the Art Group working in a variety of media but mostly watercolour. The work was of a pleasing high standard.

#### **FORGET ME NOTS** Veronica Partridge

They are a thriving group of older residents that enjoy meeting up twice a month to visit various restaurants in the area. Sometimes enjoying coffee at a garden centre where they can browse the shops.

#### FRANEY RAND and PEST HOUSE CHARITIES Rachael Rogers

The charity has made grants to Shelley Riding Centre and Hadleigh Elderly People's Welfare. Grants have been made to individuals although no applications were received from Kersey. The charity was represented at "Hadleigh on Show" which was a great success.

#### FRIENDS of the BELLS of ST MARY's Neville Whittell

The ringers managed a full year of ringing in 2019. The 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells will be in June, at the moment it looks unlikely that they will be able to ring to mark the occasion. More ringers are always welcomed.

#### **GRAYS TRUST** Philippa Harris

During the year donations were given to nine students, Kersey school and the Tuesday club. Leaving presents were given to eight leavers.

#### **KERSEY PROJECTS** Suzie Rudkin

In May they organised a sale trail with residents selling their wares from outside their homes. This was a successful event attracting a lot of interest from visitors. In October they helped to organise an Autumn Flower Festival in the church. Monies raised from these events were for Kersey church. Open gardens planned for this June has had to be cancelled.

#### LEWIS MOWLES TRUST Norah Orriss

Last year the Trust donated £600 towards the new cooker for the Village Hall.

#### **TABLE TENNIS** Adrian Bluth

Another successful year with attendances up. A new table was purchased to allow the use of three tables when appropriate. They meet Thursday evenings in the Village Hall 7.30-9.00 September-June. The purpose of the club is social and recreational and all abilities are welcome.

#### **TUESDAY CLUB** Rachel Wells

A varied programme included talks on a holiday in Russia, Rev Jackson on his life, Ethiopia, Life of a journalist, Farmhouse cheeses, Ugandan crafts and coast to coast walk. We visited Kersey Mill to see how the restoration work was progressing. The club continues to sponsor Tilly at the Shelley Riding Centre.

#### **VILLAGE HALL** Veronica Partridge

The hall is very much in use providing a guaranteed income to keep the hall in good condition. During the year the kitchen and toilet block has had a major makeover. A new cooker and dishwasher were purchased. Automatic lighting was installed in the toilet block along with self turn off taps. More crockery has also been purchased.

#### **VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION** Rachel Wells

The annual outing had been to Wisley and enjoyed by those who went. The flower show had made a small profit the first for many years. New lightweight tables were purchased to replace the heavy trestles. Marquee bookings were down. Donations were given to help the newsletter, churchyard and floodlights.

These are reports sent in by organisation representatives which would normally have been read at the Parish Assembly. The rest will be included in the June newsletter.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

#### Fortitude and selflessness

It has been a sad few months, not just this lockdown but we have lost some loved and well known residents of the parish. It is particularly difficult just now with relatives unable to say goodbye at the hospital or care home and funeral services restricted to just ten people.

All our usual rites-of-passage are denied us and we cannot do that thing which Kersey parishioners do so amazingly well – we cannot get together and collectively support one another. It's a close knit community across our parish.

This is exacerbated by the closure of our churches which has taken from us a place of quiet refuge and prayer – as well as cancelling the various musicians and artists who were booked to come and sing, perform and exhibit for us over the summer.

The church has closed – for now – but it still remains open in our homes. The Christian message of selflessness and hope is alive and present in our actions and in our prayers for one another. The 8th May sees the anniversary of VE Day and the culmination of those six years of fortitude and service. The nation will celebrate, but not with the street parties and concerts we had planned.

Instead we keep on carrying one another, whether it is getting someone's shopping, checking up on a neighbour, a few extra phone calls, beginning our day with a word of prayer or cheering someone up with a wave and a smile. Small acts of kindness that are numbered alongside the work of the NHS and other key workers.

Sadly there will be no VE Day for our battle with Coronavirus, as the waves are dealt with and it gradually disappears from our midst, the social distancing will remain in some form. There will however be markers along the way – The Bell will reopen; our church services will recommence and one day I'll be able to have a hug from our beloved Kersey parishioner whose hugs change the world for the recipient – you all know who I mean.

And one day, when all of those and many other things have happened, we will look back and thank God that He gave us each other to go through this with; we'll weep for those we lost and could not say farewell to; and we will know that the message of selfless love that we sing and speak of in St Mary's, was lived in our parish, even when the doors were for a time, closed.

God Bless you,

#### Jackson

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

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#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

There will be no services in church until further notice, however our daily and Sunday services are online on YouTube – search for Parish Connection or use the QR code here:

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#### **FARMING NOTES**

#### Arable:

Having been delighted to get some fine weather at the end of March when I wrote the last farming notes, as I write now at the end of April, we are desperate for rain! I don't think I've ever known our weather to go from floods to drought in such a dramatic fashion. It certainly does not bode well for our forthcoming harvest. As usual at this time of year we have been applying nitrogen fertiliser for growth and yield, as well as spraying herbicides and fungicides for weeds and diseases. We sowed our sugar beet and fodder beet on 31st March and 1st April, into very dry seedbeds, and although they've only had 5 mm of rain, the rows are visible as I write, though they surely need some rain very soon. We have also been doing the usual building and machinery maintenance, as well as erecting new livestock fencing and repairing old ones.

#### Cattle:

By the time you read this, Kaleidoscope our best British Blue stock bull will be out at grass on the field near the village with about 30 cows and their calves, many of which are his offspring. Although he weighs over a tonne his attention should be firmly directed towards his girls for the next few weeks. More people than usual are making use of the footpaths to enjoy our lovely



countryside at the moment, if you do walk amongst the animals please take care, keep dogs under control at all times and leave the gates as you find them. I like to carry a stick just in case the cows or bull come too close. Not all the cows will be running with a bull this year, one group are being programmed to receive British Blue embryos (ET) while others will be got in calf using artificial insemination (AI), both the ET and the AI allow us to bring new genetics or even new breeds of cattle onto the farm without risking our high health status. The latest transfer of embryos, which were flushed from Kersey Nutella in March, has resulted in 5 pregnancies, those calves being due to be born just before Christmas.

Now that most of the cattle and all of the sheep are out to grass the daily workload of feeding and renewing the bedding in the buildings is reduced. However, the daily routine of checking the 400 head of stock involves going to at least 10 different fields or paddocks and a lot of gate opening. When possible I like to do this on foot, although it is often necessary to take out food or minerals to the stock. Other seasonal jobs include vaccinating the lambs treating them with insecticide to prevent fly strike and marketing some of the sheep and cattle. Before long I will start shearing the sheep and silage making is also on the horizon. The recent warm, dry weather has resulted in good early grass growth but unless we get significant rain soon mid-summer food supplies will be tight.

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#### PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 27th April. Due to the restrictions this was held remotely. All councillors were in attendance plus clerk and five members of the public.

The chairman John Hume opened the meeting by mentioning those who had recently died. John and Anne Maltby and Jack Stiff. They would all be greatly missed. He then went on to explain how the meeting would work.

Declarations of interest was declared by two councillors who had taken advice and would withdraw from discussion on a planning application.

**Minutes** of meeting held on 2nd March were confirmed as correct. These would be signed at a later date.

**Covid 19 update:** The chairman said he was grateful to the volunteers who were giving their time to help others with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc. It seems that social distancing was not being adhered to as it should be. The clerk had made Babergh and SALC aware of the group which has been set up in the parish. An official letter has been sent from Babergh to all the volunteers. The clerk said that remote meetings will continue while restrictions are in place. As there could be no parish assembly the reports would be published on the website and also included in the newsletter. No payments would be made at the present time.

If anyone needs another copy of the support leaflet giving contact details of all the volunteers who can help with shopping etc. please contact the clerk.

**Planning progress:** Babergh had approved felling of poplar trees on land off Cherry Hill

A planning application for Kersey Mill. This is to convert stables into eight overnight accommodation units. There were no objections and councillors fully supported.

Land South West of Vale Lane. Outline planning application. Erection of up to eight dwellings.

This is a re-submission. After discussion it was agreed object to this.

**AOB:** Councillors were concerned about water on the top of Cox Hill, Boxford. It was agreed they should report to the Highways dept. and Anglian Water. There was still a problem with speeding in Wickerstreet Green. Notification had been given that there had been speeding strips put on the road in this area. This to be investigated as none had been seen. A concern was raised about River House and that no building work was taking place. This is a listed building in the centre of the village. Councillors decided not to do anything for the time being.

Kersey Parish Council will continue to hold Council meetings during the COVID 19 pandemic. These meetings will be held remotely using a video link. Links to the Parish Council meetings will be published on the Kersey website and the public are able to participate as they would usually at face to face meetings in the village hall. The Parish Council will follow the scheduled meeting dates as listed on the website.

Next remote meeting 11th May

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#### BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hopefully by the time this newsletter comes out we will be over the peak of the Coronavirus crisis and there will be a light at the end of the tunnel. This has been a very surreal and worrying year so far. With the virus slowly spreading around the globe during the winter months before finally taking hold in this country during March.

As we all hunker down in our homes as much as is possible, staying safe, you can't help but worry, not only for your loved ones, but for the vulnerable and lonely people isolated at home in our own communities.

It is the reaction of many in the face of this disease that, for me, has been one of the highlights of this crisis. To see so many people stepping up to volunteer for the local community and the NHS has been wonderful and I would like to express my thanks and best wishes to everyone that has stepped up to help a friend or neighbour, or even a total stranger. You're all superstars.

The 'Home, But Not alone' Freephone: 0800 876 6926 has been staffed 9am to 5pm every day, it is designed to help the most vulnerable in our communities. At the time of writing the phoneline has taken approximately 1,900 calls. On average the team take around 250 calls a day with the majority of calls in relation to food deliveries and general enquiries

Wherever possible the staff taking the calls have tried to link people in need with local groups and businesses, who have been doing an amazing job in our communities. This phoneline is for vulnerable people in our communities, and not for general Coronavirus enquiries.

We ensured car park meters were covered over to minimise cross contamination from people queuing for machines and touching machine buttons. This was also completed so that key workers and people out doing their essential shopping had one less thing to worry about as well as protecting staff who up until that point were travelling over large distances between car parks checking machines and enforcing car park regulations. The car parks in our towns remained open.

All public conveniences owned and managed by both Councils were also closed because we were unable to maintain enough space in them for social distancing and we were not able to minimise the risk of contamination.

Where possible play sites were locked shut and where that is not possible signage put up to discourage their use. However we have been continuing with—

- Health and safety: dealing with reports of anything dangerous such as damaged structures or trees.
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The council has also been doing a lot of work to help with financial support for both, struggling households and businesses. Advice and support have been available on the Council website, which has had a dedicated Covid-19 section since early on. Alternatively your District or County Councillors have been available anytime to help out wherever they can.

Until next month look after yourselves.

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)

# Covid-19: Help from your MP during the outbreak

# James Cartlidge MP Member of Parliament for South Suffolk



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Dear Constituent,

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well, and that you continue to follow the advice on how to reduce the risk to yourselves and others from the Covid-19 coronavirus. In line with social distancing guidelines, I am not currently holding constituency surgeries and my team are working remotely. As such, I wanted to highlight the ways in which you can contact me if you require assistance:

Email: james.cartlidge.mp@parliament.uk Telephone: 020 7219 4875

Website: www.jamescartlidge.com/covid-19

The most important point for me to underline as your MP is that it is vital that we all follow Government health advice, particularly on social distancing, all of which is designed to save lives.

Although I don't know how long this outbreak will last, or how long these restrictions will be in place for, I do know that our community is strong and that working together we will beat this coronavirus outbreak. In the meantime, I am here to help.

Jege

James Cartlidge

Member of Parliament for South Suffolk









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- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
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#### **Other Advice and Support**

Do you need a volunteer's help while you are isolated at home? Call: 0800 876 6926.

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#### ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

St Elizabeth Hospice launches urgent appeal for support

While preparing to cope with the impact of Coronavirus on its end of life care and bereavement services over the coming weeks, St Elizabeth Hospice has launched an urgent appeal to the public to support their local hospice in light of all fundraising events being postponed and all 31 retail shops closing.

The clinical staff at St Elizabeth are working in partnership with the NHS and partners at speed to significantly expand our services both in the community and at the hospice in response to Coronavirus, whilst continuing to care for patients with non-Covid end of life and palliative care needs.

A new rapid response co-ordination centre has been created in the past week to cope with the expected increase in demand for clinical advice and end of life care in the community, doubling the capacity of the hospice's existing OneCall telephone advice helpline.

Last year, the hospice cared for over 3,000 Suffolk patients and their families at a cost of £10.5m, of which 75% was raised by the community through the shops and local fundraising – income-generating activities which are now impossible due to social distancing and self-isolation.

The "Here Together" appeal is being launched across the hospice's social media platforms to raise awareness of St Elizabeth's frontline role in continuing to care for some of Suffolk's most vulnerable patients throughout the pandemic and our shared commitment as a community to protecting its vital services today and tomorrow.

To donate to the appeal, visit the hospice Just Giving appeal page https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SEHCoronavirusAppeal or call the hospice on 01473 723600.

To find out how to get involved or fundraise for us then please contact your hospice community fundraiser, Fiona Ginn on fiona.ginn@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 077404 05764.

#### The Kersey Parish Newsletter

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#### **DIARY DATES**

11 May — Parish Council Annual Meeting. On-line*
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