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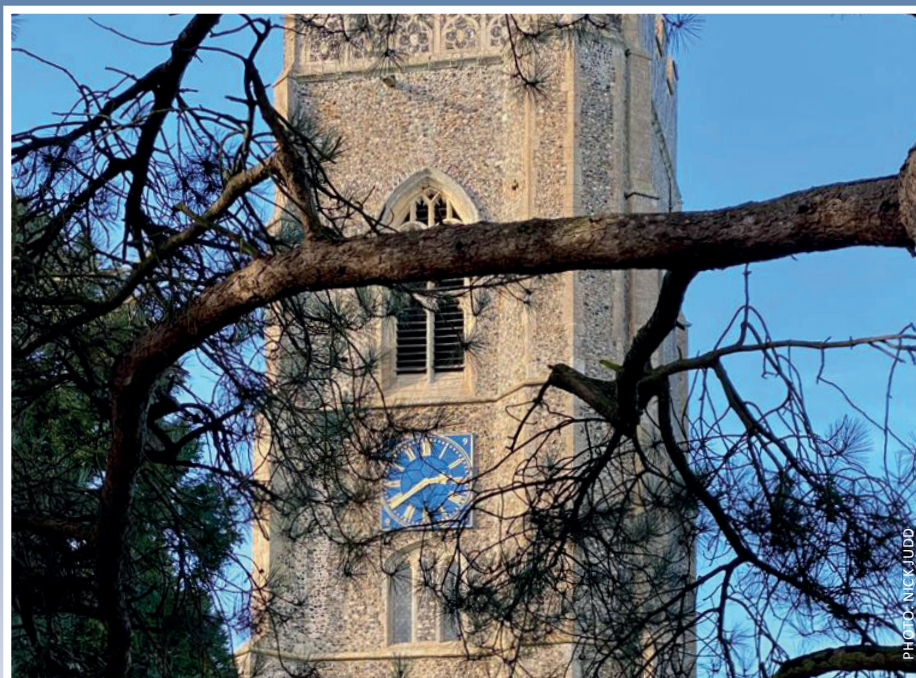


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and vacant position.

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

HARVEST

It was lovely to hear the bells again after being silent for seven months even though only four were rung due to restrictions in place. Although we were unable to sing any of the harvest hymns it was good to join together to celebrate harvest. Thank you to everyone who donated tins, packets and toiletries. They were very grateful at the Hadleigh food bank.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Geoff Gant from Wickerstreet Green who sadly passed away on 15th. October.

Also our sympathy to all the Segger family on the death of Marguerite Stinton/nee Segger Mendes from Ipswich. Marg was born in Kersey and until ill health prevented her from attending she was a regular supporter of the Village Hall cheese and wine evenings and lunches.

THANK YOU

To those who have donated to the cost of printing the newsletters.

Thirty two households have responded so far, as we print over 200 newsletters we still have a long way to go.

INTERMENT

On the 23rd October a short, very moving service taken by Rev Jackson took place in the churchyard. This was for the interment of ashes for John and Anne Maltby. Due to restrictions only close family members attended along with their much loved dogs Samson and Lilah.

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PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

To Wendy and Scott who were married in St Mary's at the end of September.

To Yas and Luke at Kersey Tye on the safe arrival of their son Ernie.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Peter and Doreen Gowan have moved from The Forge, welcome to David and Michelle.

John and Wilma Hyde have moved to Derbyshire from Drumnamarg, Kersey Tye. We welcome in their place Natalie's parents Julia and Brian who have moved from Cressing.

Also to Laura and Chris who have moved to Holtons, The Uplands.

Mark has moved from The Reading Room to Primrose Cottage.

Richard Covell has moved back home to Hill House from Switzerland

We hope you all enjoy living in our community. Lots of comings and goings so sorry if we have omitted your names.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2020

Sadly, it is an inevitability that we announce that the Kersey Christmas Party has had to be cancelled. The only piece of joy Kersey Projects can offer you this year is the Christmas Tree! Please look out for this from the last weekend in November when we hope the sight of it, at The Splash, will lift your spirits just a little!

WEATHER – SEPTEMBER

Rainfall35mm (1½")

Maximum temperature25°C (77°F)

Minimum temperature7°C (45°F)



The next issue will cover **December 2020**.

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 24th November to:

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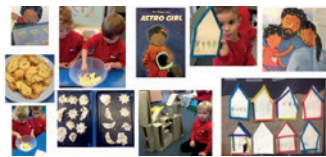
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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Otters (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) :



This school year has started with a bang! A huge crash, bang landing in the playground when an alien space ship took a wrong turn!

Our space topic has been a great way to launch the year. We have welcomed new children into the class and everyone is working hard and enjoying being back together.

We have really enjoyed researching and reading books about space and exploring our classroom.

Badgers (Years 3 and 4):



What busy Badgers we have been so far this half term! Along with the rest of the school, we launched our Space topic discovering a Rocket Crash Site on our playground. This stimulated lots of animated discussions creating some fantastic independent writing. We did not stay on Earth for long as we blasted-off into space to visit our new favourite book character, Moon Man. Our brief visit ended as we hitched a ride with him as he clung onto the tail of a passing comet.

Taking advantage of the warm weather, we held our annual sports and mindfulness week, all enjoying a wide variety of sports and activities thanks to some wonderful sports providers. Many exciting opportunities, beginning with a challenging climbing wall on the Glebe on a wonderful sunny day and ending with a perfect cool down on Friday, some relaxing and calming yoga.

Recently, our taste buds have also been tantalised with an analysis of a variety of ingredients. The children chose the products they enjoyed the most to create their own personalised Moon Rock Cakes - they were Out of this World!

Owls (Years 5 and 6):



Owls have launched into this term with enthusiasm. Writing with flair about a crash site that was discovered on school property and how it might have got there...

SPACE – this term's whole-school topic – has also linked neatly with our Science as we have orbited the Sun, spun on our axis as the Earth and experimented our way through the phases of the Moon. We come down to earth with a bang into our Geography

that has shown Owls taking on the role of 'presenters' as they teach each other about their 'biome' research before replicating volcanoes in 3D form! Their favourite and ongoing part of their learning has been apparent through their love of our text, *Cosmic*, by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Liam Digby's journey as a 'pretend dad' has taken him to China to be the first dad into Space with a group of very different and excitable children. Owls have role-played confidently; prepared poems full of figurative language; walked down conscience alley and visualised settings through art with creative prowess. All this learning wrapped around an incredibly action-packed sports week too! What will the next half of term bring...

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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PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held remotely on 26th October.

Present was chairman John Hume, all councillors, clerk and two members of the public.

Parish time: Hedge in Vale Lane. This was still not satisfactory.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Planning – progress: Application for conversion of barn into dwelling at Wickerstreet Green had been withdrawn.

Application for dwellings on land west of Vale Lane has gone to appeal. All relevant paperwork has been forwarded.

Holtons, The Uplands. Permission for a caravan on site while work is carried out on the house. All councillors were in favour.

Trickers Farm. Application for barn conversion into dwelling. Other than a query about the new entrance all councillors had no objections and fully supported this application.

Consider a response to the SCC Boundary Review consultation: The chairman was uneasy about the proposal of Kersey being joined with Hadleigh as needs in villages are different to a town. It was felt that Kersey could be swallowed up with what Hadleigh requires. There were concerns that if the proposal went ahead what would the future hold.

Clerk's Appraisal and salary review: Another excellent year of service in unusual circumstances. The council were very fortunate to have such a hard working clerk. Proposal put forward on the clerk's salary to increase contracted hours by 17 per year was approved by councillors.

Next meeting 16th November

KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Just a reminder that volunteers around the Parish are still happy to provide support to residents who are isolating during these difficult times.

If you need a new copy of the flyer with contact details for the volunteers please contact the Parish Clerk Sarah Partridge **01787 210859** or email ***kerseypc@gmail.com***

END OF LIFE CARE PROJECT

A project aimed at improving the provision of end of life care has been started in Suffolk. The project team would like to know about the experience of those who have been involved in caring for someone at the time of death. The findings of a survey will be used to inform and influence the design of improved strategies and practices.

This is a delicate topic and the responses will of course be anonymous.

If you wish to know more, visit:

<https://healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk/endoflifesurvey/>

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The direct link to the survey is:

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We was robbed!

There's no denying it, the last eight months have stolen a lot. We lost birthdays; family meals; three months of school; jobs; mental wellbeing; lives; health; church services; local businesses; connection; friends and our belief that the government have probably got this covered.

We're descended from tribal cave dwellers and hunter gatherers, we're programmed by evolution to scan for danger and trouble; so this last eight months has turbo charged our threat sensors and had us looking for danger on every street.

We're told daily that other people are dangerous and infected; that masks might save us but also that they probably won't. Outside is threatening and – wait – the Prime Minister is going to make an announcement in three days time about how awful things are and why we should be very, very afraid.

The news is horrid and I want it to stop.

But I had a revelation yesterday. I was listening to a very clever lady explaining why our teeth are rubbish for the 21st century diet, they're way behind the evolution curve and basically we'd all be toothless by the age of fifteen, no joke, that's how long they'd last. Except for one small thing that we invented. We invented a twice a day routine called toothbrushing and it's miraculous. We still eat carbs and lots of sugar, we don't have a vaccine against tooth bacteria, we haven't got a pill for perfect teeth. Nope, twice a day we stand in front of a mirror and brush our teeth. And that routine gets most of us through to sixty with most of our teeth. Fifteen versus sixty.

You know what, that's not the only routine that's good for me. I know, totally know, that my teeth will suffer if I don't brush them and I totally know that I'm a worse person if I don't pray each day. Not a half hour special, it's not like going to the dentist, I mean at least twice a day just stopping and praying for my next door neighbour; our fabulous head and staff at Kersey school; Wendy, Janet and all the team at The Bell; a thank you for the nice email I got yesterday from Rachel; a thank you for the beauty of our local countryside; a quick thank you for my family and a prayer for a parishioner who's poorly.

When I do that regularly, day in and day out I start to scan for things to be thankful for; images of nice people like you pop into my head. I see our church members and villagers, those who make the sun shine a bit brighter and thank God for you.

I lost my faith these last eight months, my faith that basically I can trust our government to sort of get it right, that with some mistakes they'd defend the poor and weak and protect the old and frail.

I found a lot more faith in God though, eight months of uncertainty left me with greater faith in the God who is there. Always. And I thank God for Him. And you.

See you sometime over Christmas, they can say what they like, we're not letting them cancel that, we'll find a way of doing Christmas that leaves us grateful, thankful, hopeful.

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Every Tuesday	Morning prayer 9.30am	Lay lead
1 November	BCP Holy Communion 9.00am	Rev Jackson
8 November	Remembrance service 10.50am	Rev Jackson
15 November	Cafe church 11.00am	TBA
22 November	No service	
29 November	Benefice on line service	

Sunday services are continuing online on YouTube. Search for "Parish Connection" or use the QR code here. You may also subscribe to the channel via YouTube – search "Parish Connection". A lovely way to 'visit' our Benefice churches.

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

From the 1st November and throughout the month a new installation in the shrine area will feature almost 100 doves with the names of those from Kersey who are on the Roll of Honour. The poppies will also be displayed round the pillars. It should be spectacular and well worth a visit.

Parish Remembrance
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FARMING NOTES

Arable:

Having suffered a disastrous cereal sowing season last year, I am surprised and disappointed to be reporting that we are in exactly the same position this autumn! We made a good start to the drilling in late September and managed to quickly plant 100 acres of winter barley which has subsequently emerged and looks to be doing fine. However since then it has been wet enough to prevent us from continuing in the same way and we have only managed to 'muddle in' 50 more acres that has been left lying very wet and does not look at all promising. No wheat has been planted at all as I write (on 24 October), whereas we would expect to have the whole acreage easily sown by now. The results from last harvest were dire and it looks as though we will not be doing much better at harvest 2021! Obviously we are not alone in these weather related delays and the whole country saw, and will see, a reduced yield and quality of wheat.

This has been in some way mitigated for us by a 20% increase in price with full spec. breadmaking wheat now selling around £200 per tonne and depending on the outcome of the tariff negotiations in the Brexit talks, may continue to rise. Interestingly, this may not have as big an effect on the price of bread as one may think as the value of wheat per loaf is only about 10 pence even at these prices!

It is worth noting that the yield from harvest 2020 was depressed not only through late drilling and a very wet winter, but also because of the spring and early summer drought. So, although we may have reduced 2021 yields because we've missed the optimum sowing date, good weather for the rest of the year will help in no small part. You can see why farmers tend to be eternal optimists!

When marketing any cereals the 'spec' (specification) is all important and is very influential in the final value realised by the farmer. As well as yield, the spec is greatly affected by the weather throughout the growing season. There are also different varieties of both wheat and barley that we can grow depending on the target market. On this farm we tend to go for the 'quality market' meaning malting barley (malt for beer) and milling wheat (flour for bread), and therefore we grow the relevant varieties, which are constantly being updated as more productive and disease resistant strains are developed. Resistance to such diseases as mildew, red and yellow rust, septoria and various mosaic viruses, etc. is extremely pertinent as it leads to a lower use of fungicide sprays, thus is more environmentally friendly.

The spec for milling wheat is max moisture 15%, max screenings (admixture and

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The oilseed rape and sheep-feed turnips have put on an astonishing amount of growth since sowing in mid-August and the OSR will go into the winter in a better state than ever before.



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BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning

With two consultations looking at the current planning system and future planning, the council have been working hard to provide suitable responses. One consultation sets out proposals for a completely new national planning system. The other suggests shorter-term amendments to the current system, which would take effect more quickly.

Included in the suggested short-term changes is an amendment to the standard method for assessing local housing need, which could see an increase in housing required. It is feared that this adjustment – in addition to proposals to remove the cap on increases to housing targets – could see housing requirements rise to undeliverable rates in Babergh and Mid Suffolk. As a result, the districts’ core towns and villages, and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, would be under pressure to deliver more homes.

Babergh have once again provided a report that demonstrates that we can meet our current housing land supply commitments. The district has a supply of 2,943 units, exceeding the requirement of 2,184 and resulting in an actual supply of 6.75 years. If the new proposals are implemented this is likely not to be the case.

The short-term proposals also suggest increasing the small sites threshold – below which developers are not required to contribute to affordable housing – from 10, to 40 or 50 homes. It is estimated that this could almost halve the number of much-needed affordable homes built. This would impact greatly on the council’s ability to provide accommodation for those on the housing register, at a time when there may be potential increased need due to financial difficulties resulting from Covid-19.

Another proposed change, the introduction of First Homes, could also significantly reduce the number of affordable homes in the districts. At present those struggling to get on the housing ladder can take advantage of low-cost homes available under the shared ownership scheme, which would be redundant under the government’s proposals. There is no guarantee that the suggested alternative, the First Homes scheme, will offer the 50% discount needed to be truly affordable for buyers.

Also, housing built under the proposed First Homes scheme is also set to be exempt from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), collected from developers when they build new homes in the districts, to ensure that local infrastructure keeps pace with housing growth. Since the start of the year £5million of CIL funding has been allocated to local projects in Babergh and Mid Suffolk, including over £2.5million for school improvements.

A working group of councillors and officers have responded to this consultation expressing their concerns. Looking at reports, the disquiet seems to be national as councils across the country express their worries.

The second consultation, which is the ‘Planning for the Future’ white paper is currently being reviewed by the same working party and a response will be submitted by the 29th.

The purpose of the new plans is to ensure more applications are approved, in order to meet the government’s target of 300,000 new homes per year. However, as has been re-iterated by the Local Government Association (LGA) “Nine in 10 applications are approved by councils with more than a million homes given planning permission over

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL (cont.)

the last decade yet to be built. The system needs to ensure planning permissions are built. Any loss of local control over developments would be a concern. It would deprive communities of the ability to define the area they live in and know best and risk giving developers the freedom to ride roughshod over local areas.” Looking in our own district there are a number of developments that have been agreed and have never been started. The problem is the builders not the councils.

With developers getting guaranteed approval in ‘Growth’ areas and a ‘presumption in favour’ for applications within a built-up area boundary, the new proposals could drastically change the face of our towns and villages.

It is just a white paper and the final bill will be substantially different I am sure. Not all the proposals are bad and there are some positive suggestions in the paper, but the council will respond highlighting our fears to ensure that our country is not bulldozed away.

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DIARY DATES

16 Nov – Parish Council meeting On-line* 18.00

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SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
10AM UNTIL 6PM

Free admission



handmade crafts . sparkly gifts
hot chocolate
live animal nativity
fresh wreaths . candles
christmas hampers
joyful jams . pampering
dog treats . mince pies
beautiful music . wax melts
ladies fashion . cards
and many more!

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