# KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2020





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<b>Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust</b>		
Police The non-emergency number to call if you want to contact		
the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999) .		

Please let us know of any changes.

**Defibrillators** – There are two AEDs located within the parish at **The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY** and **Kersey Mill IP7 6DP**.

### 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.

### **BAPTISM**

Oscar Colin Barnett was baptised at St. Mary's on the 12th of September. Oscar is the great nephew of Colin and Ruth Grannell.

#### INTERMENT OF ASHES FOR JOHN and ANNE MALTBY

The family would welcome anyone who wish to attend a memorial service on the 11th. October 12.15 in St Mary's churchyard when the ashes of John and Anne Maltby will be interred. Due to restrictions only a few were able to attend the funeral service of John. This will be your opportunity to say farewell to John and Anne. A lovely well respected couple.

The family have some tables for six people allocated outside The Bell. They would love to offer a drink and very light refreshments to any friends who can join them after the service.

There is no restriction on numbers at present in the churchyard but social distancing will apply here and afterwards at The Bell.

### **INVALIDS**

We send our best wishes to those who have attended hospital or unwell at home.

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### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To those who have celebrated (or about to) big birthday milestones Mary, Molly, Ruby and Barbara.

#### **MOVES**

Farewell to Dominic and Fiona Gold with Orlando and Arabella who have moved from Manor Farm to Oxfordshire.

We welcome those who have moved into the parish.

#### **TUESDAY CLUB**

There will be no more Tuesday club meetings this year, hopefully we will be able to start again in March with a full programme.

### **WEATHER - AUGUST**

Rainfall	2mm (3½")
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### PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held remotely on the 7th September.

**Present** were chairman John Hume, three councillors plus clerk and one member of the public.

County councillor Robert Lindsay joined for part of the meeting.

**Apologies** were received from two councillors, District councillor and from one councillor who would be joining late.

County Council Report had been published on the website. A councillor commented on the Suffolk zero carbon by 2030, he thought this was unrealistic. Robert Lindsay said that its best to set your sights high. He was in support of a new school sign but said that locating it at the end of Church walk near the school was pointless. The Highways department were not keen on a sign at the bottom of Mill Lane. Also in the report: he did not support the reduction in the number of children's centres in Suffolk; update on school transport arrangements; the council have secured a loan to finance the costs of planned third crossing in Lowestoft. An Infrastructure board has been established to oversee costs of large projects and ensure they remain in budget.

**District Council Report** from Leigh Jamieson was also on the website. Work on the Angel Court development is making good progress. Negotiations with the cricket club and Babergh regarding the former BDC headquarters are ongoing. Also included are items on Discretionary Business payments, Solar carport funding and compost giveaway.

**Parish Time:** Residents in Vale Lane were unhappy with the hedge cutting. Babergh council to be notified.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

**Clerk's Report:** The clerk is continuing to work on the website to make sure it complies with the accessibility regulations. The donated print of Kersey has been received. It will be hung in the Village Hall after it has been framed. Highways have been contacted again regarding the uncut verges in Vale Lane and Water Lane.

All Correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

**Finance:** Councillors approved increase in clerk's salary. All accounts had been circulated to councillors, these were approved. It was agreed that remote meetings were still the best way to meet during this pandemic.

Interim Internal Audit: This will be done remotely during October.

**Planning Progress:** Walnut cottage, Uplands. Babergh had granted permission for erection of double garage and boundary wall. Erection of front porch extension at Old Vicarage had also been approved.

**Footpath Working Group:** Volunteers were continuing to cut paths and keep clear for walkers to enjoy. Another volunteer has joined the group. A footpath sign has been replaced. It was noted that rabbit holes suddenly appear on some paths so please take care.



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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS (cont.)

**KCPC Working Group:** The playground is open and being used. A decision has to be made soon whether to go ahead with the quiz. A maintenance day will be held before the winter. ROSPA inspection is due anytime.

Progress of grant funding applications for playground projects. The work is to install a basket swing and carry out improvements to existing equipment. Babergh council have offered a grant subject to the rest of the balance being secured.

To approve and adopt a safeguarding policy. This was required for the playground. To consider Parish Council insurance providers and cover offered It was agreed to change the insurance provider.

**Update on progress** with repairs to fixed assets. A notice board and two benches have been repaired. A councillor is getting quotes for repairs to the bollards on the hill. A new grit box has been constructed for Church Hill. All councillors and volunteers were thanked for their help.

The bench to replace the one which was stolen should be put in a better position with a nice view. Near the top of footpath 12 was suggested along with a plaque in memory of John and Anne Maltby. As other long term residents have passed away recently it was agreed it would be nice to include their names. If this site was not possible other locations to be investigated.

To consider response to the Government Consultation planning reforms Councillors agreed a response.

Response to draft Whatfield Neighbourhood plan Councillors thought it was a well considered, detailed and developed plan.

To consider actions necessary due to COVID 19 pandemic All the volunteers to be contacted to make sure they are happy in continuing to support residents if they need to isolate or shield again.

Clerk's appraisal: This will be conducted in October.

To consider additional hours worked by the clerk during the year So far this year the clerk has worked above her contractual hours. This has been due to Covid 19, data protection, emergency plan, grant funding applications and updating the website. It is hoped for quieter months to come.

To agree content for "Pride in Kersey Parish". It was agreed an item in next month's newsletter would be how to report fly tipping and pot holes.

**Training:** Some remote training is available but it was agreed to wait until face to face training can resume.

**AOB:** Concern was raised that a subcontractor working for Openreach had dug up the road in Kersey blocking driveways. Residents had not been notified. The chair reminded councillors to respond to the clerk's emails concerning correspondence. The stock of footpath maps were running low.

Next meeting 16th November 6.00pm

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

I learnt a new skill in lockdown. I'm not talking about learning the art of video making or my ineffectual home schooling – teachers make the worst home schoolers – nor learning how to stay focussed in my fourth zoom of the morning. Nope, what I really learnt was – how to play the harmonica.

Of all the legacies of lockdown, the extra inches – darn that fridge – the dog dreading walks "not another one, please boss" and anxiety about social gatherings; my family thinks the worst legacy of lockdown is that I learnt to play the harmonica.

You can't get good unless you are obsessive, said my harmonica video. So play "Oh Susanna" until it's note perfect. Or until the family would cheerfully shove the harmonica up your left nostril, because frankly two weeks on one song would stretch the patience of a saint.

The dog particularly hated the three note sections, played over and over for 15 minutes straight; and learnt to howl a quarter note flat along with the tin sandwich.

So when Boris said "OPEN THE CHURCHES" the family rejoiced, Sunday services – one day of quiet. Except of course they came with me, bless them. We met in St Mary's with fifty or so Kersey parishioners that Sunday in September and prayed for those unable to come; we thanked God for the help we'd been to one another; we had a silent weep for those lost to us from the parish over the last year. We looked one another in the eye and knew that this was a good place to be, a place of real peace.

And when I got home the dog lead and harmonica were missing, with an odd look on the mutt's face...

Jackson

### Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

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Sunday 4 October	Family Harvest Service 4.00 pm	Rev Jackson
Sunday 11 October	BCP Said Holy Communion 9.00 am	Rev Jackson
Sunday 18 October	Cafe church 11.00 am	Julie Boast
Sunday 25 October	No service in Kersey	
Sunday 1 November	Family service 4.00 pm*	Rev Jackson (*BST ended)

Sunday services are continuing online on YouTube. Search for "Parish Connection" or use the QR code here.

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### **FARMING NOTES**

#### Arable:

As Rob is currently on holiday arable notes deferred to next month except to say that since harvest finished everyone has been busy preparing the ground for drilling which will commence very soon.

#### Livestock:

As previously mentioned in the farming notes our collaboration with Cogent, the breeding company continues to build. One of their aims is to be able to offer British Blue semen to their customers which will produce polled (hornless) calves. This would be a considerable advantage to dairy farmers who use British Blue semen to produce beef cross calves from their dairy cows. In order to achieve that goal we aim to breed homozygous polled bulls which carry two genes for that trait. Currently the few polled Blues which exist only carry one polled gene (heterozygous), which means that although polled themselves only half of their calves will inherit that trait. In order to achieve this we need to breed one heterozygous polled Blue with another then on average one in four of the calves should be homozygous polled. The problem with this is that the five polled Blues which we have succeeded in breeding so far are all from the same line and breeding them on each other would cause problems of inbreeding.

To solve this problem Cogent have invested in an unrelated polled heifer from Belgium and some semen from an unrelated bull. We have been entrusted to look after said heifer and she arrived on the farm via Calais and Dover this week. This heifer is the first pedigree Blue female to come onto the farm since we bought our first foundation stock in 1986. She is in calf and due in December so there may be sleepless nights ahead! The two new blood lines (heifer and semen) should speed up the process, something Cogent want to do in order to beat their competitors to the holy grail of a white, homozygous polled British Blue bull. (Watch this space).

The commercial calves and the pure Angus bull calves continue to grow well. We are now feeding creep food to them via the feeders which are out on the grass, this is to allow their metabolisms to adjust to solid food in preparation for weaning and housing which will happen in October.

Another new arrival joined us recently in the form of a stock ram which Sarah and I selected from a forward thinking Suffolk breeder in Warwickshire whose flock prefix is Bentley. We like to give our stock rams appropriate

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stock ram last year I have arranged to hire a proven one from a good friend in Northamptonshire, hopefully this ram will take care of the remaining Suffolk girls. Meanwhile the flock of six pedigree Blue Texel ewes will be visiting a show champion of the same breed in North Suffolk. Pedigree livestock breeding can be complicated!



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### **COVID-19 SCAMS**

If you have an email address or any type of telephone then almost certainly you have received a scam communication. Most people can spot most scams immediately, but there are always those that are so good, those that appear to know who you are and what you do that can lead you into giving away data, information and money.

The latest financial services campaign encourages people to be suspicious of any unsolicited contact and "Stop, Challenge and Protect" when they receive any messages out of the blue. Sadly this COVID-19 virus has given fraudsters something else to use on unsuspecting victims.

### The ten COVID-19 scams to be wary of

- 1. Fake government emails, which look like they are from government departments offering grants of up to £7,500.
- 2. Scam emails offering access to "COVID-19 relief funds".
- 3. Official-looking emails offering a "council tax reduction".
- 4. Benefit recipients are offered help in applying for universal credit.
- 5. Phishing emails claiming that the recipient has been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. They lead to fake websites that are used to steal personal and financial information or infect devices with malware.
- 6. Fake adverts for non-existent coronavirus-related products, such as hand sanitizer and face masks, which simply take the victim's cash and send them nothing.
- 7. Fake emails and texts claiming to be from TV Licensing, telling people they are eligible for six months for free because of the pandemic. Victims are told there has been a problem with their direct debit and are asked to click on a link that takes them to a fake website, which steals their personal and financial information.
- 8. Emails asking people to update their TV subscription services payment details by clicking on a link which is then used to steal credit card information.
- 9. One scam involves a message sent by text or email stating that the recipient has been fined £60 for leaving their home more than once a day.
- 10. Fake investment opportunities are advertised on social media sites, encouraging victims to "take advantage of the financial downturn".

Links in these messages connect to websites that steal a victim's personal information or hack into their computer or phone. Please be cautious. If something doesn't seem right or sounds too good to be true, don't hesitate to end a phone call, bin a letter, delete an email or shut the door.

If you are still worried then speak to a relative, friend or neighbour.

We plan to bring more help and advice on this subject to a Tuesday Club meeting just as soon as we are able to get back together again.

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The easing of some of the lockdown has meant an increase in traffic around the lanes in the Parish. This has, unfortunately, led to an increase in litter and fly tipping. The Kersey Volunteer Group (KVG) have been active in dealing with these problems but we need your help. We can all help make Kersey an even better place to live and visit by either collecting litter or reporting fly-tipping and potholes.

**FLY-TIPPING** – please contact Babergh District Council via their website:

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**POTHOLES** – to report local potholes, use the Suffolk County Council Highways reporting tool at:

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**KERSEY VOLUNTEER GROUP** – If you would like to join the KVG, please email **johnhumekerseypc@gmail.com** 

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