KERSEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 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.

ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, 16th September at 7.30pm

We are planning to hold our annual meeting in the church and we would like to welcome you to attend in person, if you feel able to.

The meeting will report on last year's business and elect Church Wardens and PCC members. If you feel able to support Rachel as a second Church Warden or would like to become a member of the PCC OR help in some other way, please let me know by 6th September 2020.

We will of course be following the latest COVID rules on social distancing, hand sanitising and face masks. I am also going to attempt to offer remote access to the meeting via zoom at the same time for those of you shielding or wishing to remain at home.

If you would kindly let me know via email or phone if you are thinking of attending in person OR remotely, so that I can keep an eye on numbers, let you know of any last minute changes due to the COVID situation and to be able to send out relevant paperwork.

lindanewbigging@btinternet.com or 07905731431 (text or phone).

Zoom is free for 40 minutes. Sometimes, Zoom allows you to extend the time for nothing, but if on the night that is not the case, I have scheduled a second meeting for you to log back into. Use the long link if you do not have the app on your computer or smartphone.

St Mary's Annual Meeting – MEETING 1 – Sep 16, 2020 7.30pm.

 $https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/72815531781?pwd=NWhTMzVSTllvclJOdVQrdDV\\pVU5zQTo9$

Meeting ID: 728 1553 1781 - Passcode: UtZVq5

St Mary's Annual Meeting – MEETING 2 – Sep 16, 2020 8.00pm

(Second meeting if we need to log in again).

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THANK YOU to everyone involved, the editor, the distributors and the printer (Spingold Graphics, Nayland) who have kept the newsletter going during this pandemic. It has been much appreciated by many.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who have had successful exam results. If you would like a mention next month please contact the editor.

GRAYS' TRUST, KERSEY

It is, once again, the time of year that the Grays' Trust reminds you all that we will be expecting applications for educational grants for the academic year 2020/2021 by the 31st August, for consideration at our September meeting.

Applicants must be residents of Kersey and may be either pupils attending years 12 and 13 of school, students at college or university, or mature students enlisted in re-training, or further training courses.

Applications should be addressed to: graystrustapplications@gmail.com and should include the applicant's name, address, and the name of the course he or she is attending. We look forward to hearing from you.

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PARISH NEWS

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Can anyone spare an hour or two to sit in our church to sign sponsor forms please? Please reply to Frances on **827302** or **jedwhy@hotmail.co.uk**

NIGHTINGALE TRUST – ALLOTMENTS

Some of the allotment sheds we're broken into again, on 23rd July and again on 8th August. A strimmer and other items were stolen. The police have been informed and visited the site. Advice has been given.

Also, it has been reported that someone is stealing vegetables regularly from the plots – evidence points to either teenagers or a woman, possibly local, which is very upsetting for the allotment holders concerned and not something we would expect to happen in our lovely village. The police have been informed about this too so will be including the allotments in their drive through routes.

The trust would like to remind you that the allotments are private, access is for allotment holders only. All tenants will remain vigilant in the hope to stop this crime. Their hard work should not benefit a thief.

HEALTHWATCH

Healthwatch Suffolk have just launched a new project, with Healthwatch Essex, that aims to gather feedback from the public and our local NHS and care workforce about use of digital services (appointment systems, online consultations, phone triage, remote visiting etc.).

We help to get the best out of health and social care services in Suffolk; improving them today and helping to shape them for tomorrow by engaging with people living here. We use the things you tell us about local care to influence the delivery and design of services in the county – not just for people who use them now, but for anyone who might need to use them in the future.

The aim of this project is to understand how the sudden increase in the use of technology during the pandemic has impacted upon people's experiences of receiving, or providing, both NHS or social care. This is particularly important as we know many of these new means of access are here to stay, so we need to make sure they will work for those who will need and rely on them.

All of the information about the survey can be found on:

https://health watch suffolk. co.uk/digital health and care survey

We are keen to reach people from BAME communities and also those who may be 'digitally excluded', to give us the best chance of achieving a diverse response.

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HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Covid-19 lockdown completely transformed the way GP surgeries work. Face-to-face appointments have been replaced by telephone consultations and video calls so patients can stay at home, and those who need further assessment can come in safely without having to sit around in a busy waiting room. To access the doctor online, you should get up-to-speed with how things are working at your practice.

Check the surgery's website **www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/news.** Video consultations between GPs and their patients have taken off during the lockdown. All you need is a computer, smartphone or a tablet with a camera. You'll be sent a link which will connect you to your GP. Anyone who has a health problem that can't be dealt with virtually can still, of course, come in for a further assessment

It has become increasingly apparent that people with underlying health conditions are most likely to be affected by Covid-19. High blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, and heart disease are known to increase the risk of being seriously unwell. Poorly controlled asthma is also a known risk factor. Most people who get Covid-19 can manage their illness at home. So think now about what you might need. Paracetamol for adults and children, anti-inflammatories and anti-histamines are a good start. At the very least get yourself a thermometer - a high temperature can be a sign of Covid-19 - and you could consider buying a blood pressure machine. You may also want to look at buying the oxygen monitor or 'oximeter'. This device tells you your oxygen level in the blood and could indicate if you are becoming seriously unwell with Covid-19.

The government also told the public that they must wear face coverings in all enclosed public spaces. These face coverings should cover the mouth and nose while allowing the wearer to breathe comfortably and can be as simple as a scarf or bandanna that ties behind the head to give a snug fit. As the NHS reopens right across the country, it is critically important to stop the spread amongst staff, patients and visitors too. So, all hospital visitors and outpatients will need to wear face coverings. It is also mandatory for those attending GP surgeries to wear a face covering or non-surgical mask. As many as eight in ten people have Covid-19 without any symptoms. Wearing a face covering will stop you spreading it to other people, if you unknowingly have it. Making your own saves precious supplies of medical masks for the doctors and nurses who need them most. The most important thing is to get a face covering you feel comfortable with. They do feel hot and take a bit of getting used to.

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PARISH NEWS (cont.)

SALC NOTICEBOARD

SALC (*Suffolk Association of Local Councils*) have introduced a new page on their website giving details of services and campaigns running across Suffolk that will help support councils and members of the public. SALC are keen to promote this new page to communities.

Market place and noticeboard:

www.salc.org.uk/membersarea/virtual-market-place-and-notice-board

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - APPLE AND ALMOND CAKE

100g (40z) butter 1 tsp. baking powder

100g (40z) caster sugar 2 eggs

100g (40z) plain flour 2 apples peeled and sliced

100g (40z) ground almonds Topping: 1 tbls. Demerara sugar

2 tbls. Flaked almonds

Cream the butter and sugar, add eggs, beat well. Add flour, baking powder and almonds, mix until smooth. Pour the mixture into a round 8" greased baking tin. Arrange the apples over the mixture slightly pressing them down. Mix the Demerara sugar and almonds, sprinkle over the mixture. Bake for 45-50 mins. until golden.

175°C/160°C (fan)/Gas 4. Cool before turning out.

Following the windy weather there are plenty of dropped apples to use. This is a recipe which was in the show schedule this year. I thought you still might like to try it even though the show has been cancelled. Rachel

WEATHER

Rainfall for July	54mm (2")
Maximum temperature	30°C (86°F)
Minimum temperature	10°C (50°F)

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The next issue will cover October 2020.

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

Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - rachel@kersey-village.co.uk or Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - kersey@moonridge.me.uk

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

A message from Julie:

Our eldest granddaughter is due to leave home at the end of this month (August) for six months living in France. This should be her third year at university studying modern languages and is the year the students normally spend abroad widening their experience of the language and culture of their chosen country or countries. In our granddaughter's case she should then be going on to Spain for a further six months. The original arrangement of working in a school in Bordeaux had to be abandoned so now she is going to live with a family and will take an on-line course with a French university and she also hopes to find some work!

She isn't alone in having her plans changed – life has become very different for most of us in ways we couldn't have imagined or anticipated. We have all had to give up so much in the past few months, holidays, family gatherings, meeting friends, going shopping, cinema and theatre visits, concerts, church services and even weddings and funerals have had to be re-organised allowing only a minimum number of people to attend.

We are a patient, kindly and adaptable nation on the whole and we have taken lockdown in our stride, many people going out of their way to help support those who have been in greatest need. So a huge THANK YOU to all those people who have made phone calls to the lonely, gone shopping for those who have been shielding, to the mask makers and the PPE sewers, the food parcel donors and the cooks, the delivery drivers and to our NHS workers. Have I missed out the support you have been giving?... then I apologise, because your efforts have been appreciated by someone somewhere. THANK YOU.

Some of us have found life simpler, with fewer choices to be made and fewer places available to visit and we have made our own entertainment or pursued hobbies there isn't usually time for, but for some life has been hard and lonely and we will still look out for them and be ready to help where we can.

Let's hope and pray that ways will soon be found to bring freedom and normality back to our lives, but we will also remember the kindnesses we have been shown, often by strangers.

Julie Boast

St Mary's Church Elder.

All our Sunday services and other events are at www.kerseychurch.org

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

6th September 10.00am PARISH SERVICE

with music, readings, poems and reflection.

Do please join us if you can. This will be our first Sunday service since the beginning of March.

Also:

13th September 10.00am Hintlesham church

20th September 10.00am Elmsett church

27th September 10.00am Chattisham church

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.

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PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held remotely on the 6th July via Zoom.

Present were Chairman John Hume plus six councillors, clerk and one member of the public. County and District councillors attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies were accepted from one councillor who would have to leave the meeting early.

Reports: Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsay reported that the county planning meetings are held on line. Following earlier IT issues, it was stated that members of the public can now speak at these meetings. Hadleigh, Sudbury and a few villages have taken advantage of funding for getting traffic measures installed in relation to social distancing when shopping. The council's cabinet has approved a new costed, prioritised list of cycle routes around the county. He said he would support the erection of a new school sign at the bottom of Mill Lane.

District Councillor Leigh Jamieson said after consulting with someone from the CIL team the application of funding for playground equipment might be better coming from a Communities Grant, he will look into this. The bus which takes children from Hadleigh (some from Kersey) to schools in Colchester is stopping. This will have a significant effect on parents. He is doing what he can to support them. The Environment task force set up last year has now finalised a set of proposals to help Babergh and Mid Suffolk achieve their ambition of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Parish time: It was asked when the verges on Church Hill, Water Lane and Vale Lane would be cut. All other verges were cut in June. The clerk would investigate.

Minutes of the June meeting were confirmed as correct.

Finance: A copy of the accounts and financial statement had been circulated. These were approved. All information concerning finance, meetings etc. is posted on the website.

Footpaths: The volunteers are cutting and keeping paths clear for walkers to enjoy. Some broken signs are in need repair. A footpath at Wickerstreet Green is overgrown – the landowner is to be contacted. Anglian Water to be contacted again about the removal of fly tipping at the treatment works.

Clerk's report: The chair and clerk had discussed her working hours. She was currently working a lot more than her normal hours this was partly due to the COVID-19 situation. Surveys had also been responded to and the website updated. The Emergency Plan is almost finished. There will have to be changes made to the website to ensure those with disabilities can access information.

The CIL funding application was submitted for playground improvements and new basket swing.

Correspondence: SALC have introduced a new page on their website "Market place and noticeboard". This gives details of services and campaigns running across Suffolk that will help councils and members of the public. The Parish Council has been

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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

contacted by a member of the public living in the South of England who has found an old water colour of Kersey. They would like to donate it, so it can be viewed by local residents. The village hall committee to be asked if it could be hung in the hall.

Planning progress: Babergh council have granted permission for a three-bay cart lodge at The Old Mill House and also for erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings at Kersey Mill. An application for Walnut Cottage would have to be considered at another meeting as it arrived after the agenda was published.

KCPC: The playground has reopened under government guidelines. Grass cutting is being carried out on an informal basis. The new bench has been installed.

Review of council assets and insurance cover: All fixed assets have been inspected. There are a few items needing attention.

Bench: The wrought iron bench on Priory Hill was stolen in June. It was agreed this was not a good position for a bench. A former councillor suggested a good place would be at the top of footpath 12 where you get a lovely view. They also suggested it be dedicated to John and Anne Maltby. The landowner to be consulted.

Grit bin: A councillor offered to make a timber grit bin for Church Hill.

School sign: The school have asked the council if they would support a "Kersey Primary School" sign with arrow at the bottom of Mill Lane. Councillors were in favour but it must be in a location not to impair the visibility of drivers.

Progress on the Parish Infrastructure Investment plan: The clerk will circulate all responses when they have been received.

To consider any actions necessary due to COVID-19: The clerk had spent some time investigating what actions should be taken to ensure the playground and outdoor exercise equipment could be reopened safely. Some government guidelines are not feasible. It was agreed to carry out a risk assessment, put signage on gates also encourage people to social distance, wash hands when they get home, and not to take food or drink into the play area. A thank you letter had been received from the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk thanking the council and volunteers for work undertaken in the community.

Pride in our Village: The clerk and chairman will make sure an article is sent each month to the newsletter team.

Training: Councillors are still keen to have more planning training. The clerk is attending regular Zoom networking sessions.

Dates for Police and Parish forum and SALC AGM were given.

AOB: Concern was raised about the number of trade vehicles parking in the street. It was agreed the council couldn't do much about this especially where there is no off-road parking.

PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held remotely on 3rd August.

Verges had still not been cut in certain areas.

Planning progress: Babergh had approved application for erection of dwellings behind 1-6 The Street.

Councillors fully supported plans for a garage at Walnut cottage and a front porch at The Old Vicarage.

AOB: It was noted that plans for more housing on Sand Hill, Boxford had been approved. Outbuildings at a dwelling in Wickerstreet Green had been tampered with. A councillor commented that parking in the street was appalling, this was a Sunday evening with no trade vehicles.



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FARMING NOTES

Arable:

What an unusual summer we are having. As I write we are being battered by 45 mph winds, preceded by rainstorms with 20mm in an hour. Following the droughted spring and early summer we were able to harvest our winter barley, oilseed rape and winter wheat relatively easily and quickly, both because of the dry weather and the mediocre yield. This has been followed by a trickier rainy spell while we have been trying to finish the spring barley. Between showers we have got down to the last three fields, then harvest will be finished and the hard work begins as we plough and cultivate our way towards sowing the winter cereals for harvest 2021! The oilseed rape for next harvest was sowed around August 12th followed by 15mm of rain so it is nicely germinated and off to a good start.

Livestock:

As is common at this time of year, the dry, extremely hot weather has reduced grass growth. However, despite this the livestock are doing well. We think this is because

the high dry matter grass is utilised better by the cattle and sheep than wet green grass.

10 acres of stubble has been drilled with turnips. They were drilled into warm ground which got rain overnight and have consequently germinated within 5 days and are growing nicely. These should be ready for sheep grazing in autumn.



We have started selling the shearling rams for breeding and for the first time this year we have three Blue Texel rams for sale as well as the Suffolks.

With help from the family we have moved and stacked about 3,000 small bales of straw and 800 large round bales. Once the weather has settled and the straw is dry we will hopefully bale a further 400 round bales. We usually bale about half of the straw grown on the farm, mainly barley as this is more palatable for the cows. The leftover straw not needed for the livestock is chopped and incorporated back into the soil. However, this year due to the late drilling and difficult growing season the cereal crops were much shorter than usual so we need to bale all of the straw so we have enough for the livestock for the winter. Due to the fact that we have less silage than usual the straw will be very important this year and will be the staple diet for the cows for most of the winter.

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BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Climate Reduction Plan

Following last year's declaration of a Climate Emergency at both Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils a joint task force was set up to look at how we can reduce our Carbon footprint to zero by 2030. An in-depth study of the current situation across the Council was undertaken to ascertain what our Carbon Footprint is at the moment. Which came out at 5,452 metric tonnes of CO2e per year.

The two big producers of CO2 emissions within the Council are the leisure centres and the vehicle fleet. Both of these are difficult to rectify, but interim measures are being put in place.

Cycle Motion

At the July meeting I presented a Cycle Motion to Council. The purpose of the motion was to act on changes that have come about due to the Covid crisis. Since lockdown there has been a significant increase in the number of people that have either taken up cycling or returned to it. The government expects local authorities to make significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians. The Government has set an aim to double cycling activity and to make cycling and walking the natural choice for short journeys.

With £1.2billion already invested in active travel and another £1.2billion of funding planned we need to take our active travel responsibilities seriously. At the moment Babergh still has no Cycling strategy.

The proportion of people cycling in Babergh is the worst in Suffolk. To do something about this I worked with Councillor Derek Davis and fellow Green Party councillors to put together a motion. The motion was passed unanimously and is an example of what can be achieved if all councillors work together.

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/wheels-in-motion-for-babergh-and-mid-suffolks-healthy-future/

1-6 The Street, Kersey

The application for the development of the seven properties behind 1-6 The Street came up before committee in July. The officer in charge of the case this time around had strongly recommended refusal on grounds of heritage.

However, the officer had also set out that the housing needs survey that was published by the applicant was valid and ultimately this proved to be the deciding factor for many of the committee members who agreed that Kersey needs new housing. It was felt by the majority of the committee that the damage caused to the listed buildings will be outweighed by the benefits to the village of new properties.

I was frustrated by the inconsistency of this decision. We, as a planning committee, have voted on many occasions against development close to listed buildings. Kersey may need new development, but not where it damages the historic properties of the village. For me, this decision damages the credibility of the planning committee.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr.)

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DIARY DATES

7 Sep — Parish Council meeting On-line*	
16 Sep — Annual Parochial meeting St Mary's church	
12 Sep — Flower Show	
16 Nov – Parish Council meeting On-line*	
28 Nov – Kersey Christmas Party Village Hall	
*Until further notice Parish meetings are being held online using "Zoom.us".	
Links are published on https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/meetings/	



KERSEY STAG BEETLES

Stag Beetle sightings in Kersey continue to come in. This fellow was spotted in Church Hill back in July.

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