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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.

## SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to Simon Ryde and family on the recent death of his mother Nora. Although with failing health she had lived at Canterbury House in Hadleigh for a while she was a real village person through and through. More next month.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning 15th March – Frances Whymark and Carol Barrett.  
3rd April – All hands to spring clean and decorate the church for Easter.

## INVALIDS

Best wishes to those who are attending hospital appointments, recovering from operations or ill at home. Rev. Jackson is unwell, we wish him a speedy recovery and hope it won't be too long before he is back to good health and taking our services again. For the time being please do not phone or send him any emails.

## SERVICES

Due to Jackson not being available for services we are grateful to Julie who has offered to help. Below is a revised version of the services which were advertised last month.

**7th March Morning Prayer 11.00am**

**14th March Mothering Sunday 11.00am**

These will be our first services since lockdown so it will be good to welcome back as many as feel able to attend. Social distancing will apply.

## PLANTS

I will have plants available to order and collect as last year. **Rachel**

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Jackson who has deservedly been awarded The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk Award for outstanding service to the Community in Suffolk during the pandemic.



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## REVISION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll for St Mary's Church is due for its annual revue, offering us the opportunity to add to or amend any current entries. Application forms are available on the church notice board, situated inside the south porch. Alternatively I can email a copy on request.

Please send completed applications to:

Jenny Partridge, Trickers Farm, Boxford Road, Kersey, Ipswich IP7 6EW,  
or email to: [jenny.partridge19@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.partridge19@btinternet.com)

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## WEATHER

January rainfall . . . . .90mm (3.5")  
*Same month last year* . . . . . 41mm (1.25")  
Minimum temperature . . . . .-2°C (28°F)  
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*Thank you to Kate Banks who records the weather for us in Wickerstreet Green.  
The rainfall amount sometimes varies in different parts of the parish.*

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# PARISH NEWS

## THE KERSEY BELL

**GREAT NEWS!** We will be welcoming you all back on Wednesday 14th April outside only. We are awaiting guidance regarding restrictions.

Opening Wednesday to Sunday. Opening and closing times to be advised. Hopefully fully opening on 17th May.

**UNTIL THEN** – Takeaway Pizzas and Fish & Chips every Friday until 12th April 5pm till 8pm.

See you all soon.

Janet and Wendy

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## UPLANDS FARM

Hello, We are writing today as a brief introduction to our family farm at Kersey, named Uplands Farm.

We are the Sargeant family, and we moved into Swallows Rest, at Uplands Farm, last year at the tail end of January. Since taking over the running of the business, from Mr Sargeant, Senior, we have made steady progress on our plans for the future of the farm.

One project that has evolved over the past year is the Farmstand. You may have seen it advertised on Facebook, as our Uplands Farm Produce page. We started last summer to sell sacks of potatoes alongside our daughter Lauren's heritage breed eggs, as her flock and subsequent egg production increased. As time went on people asked if we were going to stock other items, and now we have teamed up with local producers and suppliers to stock Jams, Chutneys and Honey, British grown seasonal Fruit and Vegetables, as well as our own farm sourced and dried firewood, and eco friendly tree mulch. In the summer watch out for our own home grown produce as well.

If you haven't visited us yet, the farmstand is an open air, self serve stand, however if we are able to, we will stop by and say hello and check you've got everything that you needed. We enjoy seeing people coming to the farm, it's lovely to have visitors albeit under covid safe circumstances, but hopefully in the near future will be able to show people the animals when they drop by if they would like to see them. For now follow us on Facebook @ Uplands Farm, to see our stories, adverts, recipes, and general agricultural or rural issues and information, and share in our progress. Many Thanks – Stephen and Alison Sargeant, and family.

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# PARISH NEWS (cont.)

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Our Church needs our friendship and love. The roof is leaking from a stone storm drain that helps take water off the northern part of the roof. Remedial repairs seem to have stayed the problem for now but it will most likely be a temporary fix. I don't know about you but my heart sank when I saw water flowing down the inside of the beautiful stain glass window, next to the historic artefacts on show. We take our Church for granted sometimes, thinking it will always be there for us, standing up there as an iconic village feature, watching over us. But it is fallible, like most things in life.



The Friends of St. Mary's Trust raises money to protect this heritage and if ever there was a need for our love and support, it is now.

Please help if you can by donating in any of the following ways.

- (1) by becoming a Friend of St Mary's Church Trust,
- (2) by joining our 500 Club monthly lottery, or
- (3) by writing a cheque to 'Kersey St Mary's PCC'.

Details of our new 500 Club monthly lottery, plus all membership information can be accessed at: [www.kerseychurch.org/fosm](http://www.kerseychurch.org/fosm)

Or for further details please contact either Mark Rigby on **07484 649235** or Bruce Newbigging on **07734 595404/01787 210137** or email [fosmkersey@gmail.com](mailto:fosmkersey@gmail.com).

All contributions are very welcome. We can reassure donors that any money given will be set aside for work undertaken by FOSM and properly accounted for.

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This month's **500 Club** draw took place in the Church on Saturday 20th February with independent witnesses and the winners were:-

- 1st Prize – Matthew Grannell
- 2nd Prize – Viv Marsh
- 3rd Prize – Suzie Rudkin

Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has already joined the club.

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## **Education, Education, Education.**

Food for thought:- after all the restrictions of the Covid19 lockdown, what is there left to give up for Lent?

Education is something which cannot be given up.

My son and daughter-in-law have been home-schooling their 5 year-old daughter, Emily, (as many of you will have been doing too). They haven't found it easy in spite of both working in education. The first week of home-schooling was not a success as Emily decided she had a lot of things to do and many toys which needed playing with. By the second week there was a plan...

Her parents decided she would wear her school uniform and her father would call a register of all the names he could remember of the children in her class. Then came the hand sanitising process and finally lining up outside the room where she was to work (with help and supervision from whichever adult was available). And it has worked! The routine which more or less followed the actual school routine has settled Emily into a learning situation and she is enjoying all the work which is being set by her school's teachers. They have done a wonderful job in keeping her interested, keeping in touch and helping her to make progress as have the staff at Kersey school with their pupils.

Teaching must have been a really disheartening job at times during the past year; contact with the children is paramount and to only meet the class through Zoom or Face-Time, while useful, is not the same as being in the same room together. Children have missed the contact with their friends and the social activities of eating and playing together.

We are hopeful that our schools will re-open during March, but meanwhile we salute the creativity and ingenuity of our teachers and parents and thank them for all the extra effort and love they have put into the education of our children during these difficult times. In Kersey School we are so lucky to have such dedicated staff working to keep our children interested and up to scratch and with their welfare and delight in learning at heart.

May God bless them all.

**Julie**

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to our monthly BCP Communion here are services for the year ahead, there will be other services but these – we hope – we can be sure of:

|                |       |  |
|----------------|-------|--|
| March 14th     | ..... | Mothering Sunday   |
| April 4th      | ..... | Easter Sunday  |
| May 9th        | ..... | Rogation Sunday Pet Service: Pooches, Ponies and Parrots |
| June 20th      | ..... | Father's Day   |
| July 4th       | ..... | Rose Festival  |
| September 26th | ..... | Harvest Festival   |
| October 31st   | ..... | Thanksgiving service for the lives of those we love      |
| November 14th  | ..... | Remembrance Sunday                                       |

## KERSEY HEALTH TRAVEL

### In conjunction with Hadleigh, Boxford Community Car Scheme

The Nightingale Trust was originally set up in 1875 with a remit to help the poor and needy of Kersey. Times have changed and with them, so have peoples needs. Today, we help those in need with their winter fuel bills, in a small way, and we also make donations to the local food bank in the hope this covers Kersey too. We are always looking for new ways to help each other and those with a genuine need.

To this end, we have managed to include Kersey in the existing **Hadleigh and Boxford Community Car Scheme** which has been running for some years and is organised by Jen Eastwood, a resident in Boxford.

If you are a patient, registered at Hadleigh Health Centre, Boxford Surgery, or Bildeston surgery in need of a lift to medical appointments including Doctors, Consultants, Physiotherapists, Opticians, Dentists etc. we will be happy to help. We have a number of volunteer drivers who are available to take you to your appointment, wait for you and then bring you home. There is a charge of 45p per mile for this service to cover the petrol and depreciation costs which I hope you find acceptable.

**For Kersey residents using this service and in genuine need, the Trustees of the Nightingale Trust would like to contribute £5 towards your taxi costs each month to a limit of £20 per year.**

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An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held remotely on the 9th February via Zoom.

Present were chair John Hume, four councillors, clerk and two members of the public. Two councillors were absent.

**Minutes** of previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

## **Planning – progress:**

**Leys House:** these two applications which had been discussed at a previous meeting have been withdrawn.

## **Application of Agricultural Determination, Bridges Farm.**

**Proposal:** The application was to determine if prior approval is required for erection, extension or alteration of a building for agricultural use. The proposed building was for additional storage and would be adjacent to existing buildings. After consideration a unanimous decision was made to support this proposal and therefore determined prior approval was not necessary.

There was no other business.

**Next meeting:** 1st March 6.00 via Zoom.

## FILMING IN KERSEY

As you may be aware, a production company is planning to film a new TV series in Kersey towards the end of April for 2 weeks. A letter outlining the details will be delivered to everyone in the village in the next few weeks.

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# NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

## **Otters (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2):**

Otters class started the year with the book *Wild* by Emily Hughes.

We really enjoyed the illustrations and the story telling through the pictures. We got to explore different animals and habitats through the book and the story gave us lots of interesting ideas to discuss.

All the Otters have become Seesaw experts this half term and together we are finding creative ways to learn and respond on the online platform. Some of the best times this half term have been on live lessons and form time where we could all be together, seeing each other and having fun!

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## **Badgers (Years 3 and 4):**

Since Christmas our busy Badgers have designed and made model sleds to compete in the Race to the Top of the World. Our guides on this journey were two young children, Sika and Shen and their team of sixty-six pugs. Along the way we have met yetis, kraken and fifty different types of snow. What an adventure and what creative ideas for writing we have had. The recent weather conditions have enhanced our reading of the *Pugs of the Frozen North* and helped to inspire us.

Meanwhile, we have all worked hard in our phonics, English and maths lessons, enjoying live lessons on Zoom with our teachers and friends. This has been a great way to keep in touch and share our ideas. We have also used this technology to celebrate our successes in assembly and to catch up with each other in form time. Our computing skills are being applied every day.

Recently, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with some mindful activities to express ourselves. This was a wonderful experience and the children particularly enjoyed the art activity.

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## **Owls (Years 5 and 6):**

Owls have been working incredibly hard since our return to school after Christmas. They have been learning online, at home and at school, with an amazing resilience and motivation for doing their best; so much so, that at our weekly live celebration assemblies, Owls have been the class with the best attendance for 3 consecutive weeks of this term!

Owls have enjoyed weekly form time, which has enabled them to see their friends over Zoom – a much needed antidote to all of the time away from their classmates. Some of their English and Maths lessons have also been live, and other lessons have been shared on our online learning platform, Seesaw. The children get instant feedback and marking from their teachers, and they get to see their teachers in each day in their morning video messages.

Owls' topic this term has been on the Victorians, and their History and English lessons have been based on this. All other learning has taken place each day, alongside English and Maths, including RE, Art, Science, French and Computing. This has given Owls a real variety of learning, much like a 'usual' school day. Owls have also enjoyed daily collective worship, based on our worship theme (Courage).

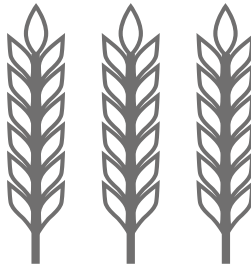
Their PSHE and PE sessions have focused on their health and well-being, encouraging them to talk about their feelings and also to get moving!

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# FARMING NOTES

## **Arable:**

Writing this on 21st of February coincided with the first day of what looks set to be at least ten days of fine and milder dry weather, which is a great relief for all. Our loyal staff have been working away at a couple of fairly extensive hedging and ditching jobs that some of you will have noticed. Drainage, and hence ditches are of great importance during wet spells as we have had recently. Some of the ditches do not have a great deal of 'fall' so care has to be taken to get the levels right and they need more regular cleaning than ones with more natural fall. We have taken delivery of a couple of hundred tons of fertiliser recently and are hoping to get a dressing on to the oil seed rape and some of the more backward cereals later this week, to kick start plant development during the warmer weather. This will comprise all of the Phosphate and Potash for the coming harvest and a small amount of nitrogen blended together as one application, along with a little sulphur in the form of SO<sub>3</sub> which aids the plant's use of nitrogen as well as playing an important role in the production of chlorophyll that allows photosynthesis.

Now that the meadows are beginning to get a little drier I hope we will find time to do some fence maintenance. This involves taking heavy machinery on to the grass to replace some of the corner posts that have rotted at the base as well as replacing defective supporting posts and checking the wire. All of this will have to be put on hold when the good weather eventually allows us to start cultivations for spring drilling. This will be a pleasant fresh start after the difficult winter we have had.

## **Livestock:**

Calving the main group of cows started at the beginning of February and to date about 20 calves have been born. Generally things have gone well but one calf was still born: despite having a strong heartbeat for several minutes after birth we were unable to get him to take his first breath. Although animal losses are part of livestock farming we do try very hard to avoid them and are always disappointed and saddened when they happen.

Last year's calf crop which were weaned and housed in October have spent the winter eating and growing, putting on well over one kilogram per day, and now, with the oldest at just over a year and weighing in excess of 500kg the first of them will be ready for market soon. Supplies of beef are tight and we hope the demand for our cattle will be strong when we start selling them. On the pedigree side two bulls went off to join the Cogent breeding stud in January and a further three are scheduled to go in March.

Lambing yards have been prepared and the ewes housed in preparation for lambing which is due to start in early March. We normally leave the ewes out until just before lambing, but with all the meadows waterlogged they have been housed early. As previously mentioned we bought and used a new Suffolk stock ram last year and we look forward to seeing what the new crop of lambs will be like. Bentley Zoom comes from a line which should produce easily born active lambs, this may help make lambing time a little easier and hopefully keep losses to a minimum.

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# BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Car Parking

Cabinet met on the 4th of February and resolved to approve the implementation of charges in Hadleigh, Sudbury and Pin Mill. The paper was debated in full by both the members of the cabinet and attending Councillors. The revised proposals were generally the same, but instead of 30 minutes free parking an hour's free parking was agreed. Also the original proposals were due to start in July, but this has now been pushed back and charges will begin no earlier than 1st October. This date will remain under review dependant on the situation with pandemic and the economy.

Amendments to the paper were accepted that will make 24-hour parking permits available to the residents in Mill Lane, Sudbury. Members of the cabinet also agreed that the strategy should ensure that a proportion of the income generated will be allocated to deliver sustainable travel. Although, the original proposals did allude to this, members agreed that it should be reinforced with a clear statement.

Residents will be unhappy with the decision and they will feel that it took little notice of their feelings, which were made clear in petitions in both Hadleigh and Sudbury. This despite the Hadleigh petition being backed by full Council in January. It is disappointing that these charges are not being implemented in conjunction with a wider travel strategy and I will continue to push that 100% of the profits, after maintenance and ongoing costs, are ringfenced to improve sustainable travel in the district.

## In Brief

Taxi Fares: Babergh has approved new taxi fares following wider consultation with cabbies, which will see the basic day time rate increase by 20p.

**Covid-19 Support:** . . . . . <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Citizens Advice Centre:** . . . . . 01787 321400  
*Someone will call you back from a withheld number.*

**Home But Not Alone:** . . . . . 0800 876 6926  
*Aimed at the extremely vulnerable without a support bubble.*

**Suffolk Advice & Support Service:** . . . . . 0800 068 3131  
*Covid-19 related concerns: Money, Debt, Work, Food Vouchers & Grants and more.*

**Suffolk Mind:** . . . . . 0300 111 6000 – [info@suffolkmind.org.uk](mailto:info@suffolkmind.org.uk)  
*Mental Health Support & Advice.*

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# DIARY DATES

- 1 Mar – Parish Council . . . . . Online . . . . . 18.00
- 2 Mar – Parochial Church Council . . . . . Online . . . . . 19.30
- 12 Apr – Annual Parish Assembly & short Parish Council . . . . .

If there are urgent matters that need considering that do not fit these scheduled meetings then extraordinary meetings will be called as necessary.

*\*Until further notice Parish meetings are being held online using “Zoom.us”.*

*Links are published on <https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/meetings/>*



The next issue will cover **April 2021**.

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