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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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Rio Mellor and Tom Peel who were married at St Mary's on the 25th September.

BAPTISM

Baptised during the harvest festival service were Healey John Bernard Panton son of Kimberley & David Panton grandson of Kevin & Sarah 5 Vale Lane and Florence Samantha Biltcliffe daughter of Edward and Rebecca Biltcliffe. Rebecca teaches at the school.

BLESSING

It was lovely to see Michele, Nick and all the family of Anne and John Maltby for a blessing of their memorial stone. This took place following the harvest service.

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who are in hospital or recovering at home following operations.

FLOWERS

I would be grateful if someone would offer to arrange the altar pedestal flowers during October and November. I have kept the flowers going each week since Easter and it would be nice to have a break. Sarah Williams has her name down for 17th October apart from that all other weeks are free.

CHURCH CLEANING

4th Oct – Janet Covell and Rachael Rogers.

18th Oct – Susannah Marsh and Sue Jones.







1st Nov – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker.

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TUESDAY CLUB

It is becoming increasingly hard to get different speakers who will appeal to everyone. I am proposing we miss the months of October and November and meet for a Christmas get together on the 7th December when hopefully all members will be able to come. I hope to be able to find speakers for each month in 2022.

At our first meeting for 18 months we were grateful to Natalie who came to show us some beautiful pictures and give an interesting talk on her holiday in India and the Maldives in 2019.

Maybe they were all enthralled by the talk or it was because they were socially distanced we have never had such a quiet meeting.

Rachel

ST MARY'S PCC REPORT

The PCC met on 14th September. Service patterns are working well and we are delighted to say that there is a wedding and there are 2 baptisms planned during the Harvest Festival. The church website is well managed and all service information can be found on it as well as in our parish magazine. Plans for Remembrance and Christmas services are well underway – please look out for new installations around the Shrine for those events.

FOSM was thanked for organising a fantastic jazz festival in church and we are looking forward to the American supper dance. The financial support given by FOSM events is invaluable.

The Standing Committee has begun work on the items outlined in the Quinquennial report; The Bell ringers were thanked for carrying out their maintenance in the bell tower. All other items of maintenance and Health and safety are up to date. There are no Safeguarding issues. Safeguarding training is being organised face-to-face.

Kersey School will be joining the Tillian academy from 1st November. This is a very exciting and positive move for the school. To this end, a variation in the car park lease was agreed.

The PCC have begun work on a vision and plan to meet the community's needs for at least the next 5 years; this includes consulting with all the people of Kersey, probably in the new year for their own ideas, feedback, comments and expectations which will be amalgamated into the vision.

Linda Newbigging 07905731431

WEATHER (for August)

Rainfall 33mm (1.3")
 Maximum temperature 25°C (77°F)
 Minimum temperature 11°C (52°F)



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FLOWER SHOW

After cancelling the flower show last year the Village Produce Association decided to go ahead this year. The 56th Flower and Vegetable Show being held in the Village Hall on the 11th September. Although entries were down and fewer visitors overall the show was a success. It would have been good if we had been supported by more village people.

Main prize winners were: *General Sir Gordon Finlayson Challenge Cup* for vegetable and fruit classes: Kate Banks. *Tom Evans Memorial Cup* for runner up in vegetable and fruit classes: Natalie Blyth. *Shield for allotment holder with best exhibit of vegetable trug*: Natalie Blyth. *Lewis Mowles Shield* for best exhibit in vegetable classes: Kate Banks (for sweet corn). *Challenge Cup* for household classes: Norah Orriss, runner up: Ray Banks. *Wooden Spoon* for men's cookery class: Jonathan Marsh. *Challenge Cup* for handwork classes: Emma Kerridge, runner up: Rachel Wells. *Rose Bowl* for flower classes: Natalie Blyth, runner up: Kate Banks. *Prize for Child 6 years & under*: Toby Spencer, runner up: Freddie Calnan. *Prize for child 11-16 years*: Phoebe Chew, runner up: Matilda Chew. *Challenge Cup* for children's classes: Toby Spencer. *Challenge Cup* for child with best exhibit in children's classes: Freddie Calnan (for his creature). Prize for best exhibit in floral art: Natalie Blyth. Prize for highest points in Photography classes: (joint) Ray Banks and Colin Grannell. *Bowling – Adults*: Heather. Child: Matilda Chew. *Bean bags – Adults*: Paul. Child: Toby Spencer.

GLORIOUS WEATHER FOR THE 7th TYE BBQ

This year was the 7th Annual Kersey Tye barbeque and the weather didn't disappoint! Amazing sun and glorious food all contributed to a memorable and lovely afternoon; everyone enjoyed the chance to see each other properly and catch up and as ever, Terry's sausage rolls and Kim's infamous cheesecake disappeared in no time! Thank you to everyone for their culinary delights and making this mainstay of the Tye's calendar such a happy event. It was great to have both the most senior and most junior residents of the Tye there, Bob and Ernie respectively along with various pets and extended family.

Huge thanks to Scott for putting up a perfect marquee, to Jessie for helping to organise and to David and Pat for the use of your garden. Without Pat's supreme organisation the event would never happen, so thank you for being the Tye's BBQ CEO and liaising with everyone, buying food and cooking it too! We are all very grateful.

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Orders need to be placed by the end of October. Adrian and I use Kings seeds with great success, as our prize winners at the VPA show will testify!

I look forward to hearing from all the green-fingered residents in the parish.

FOSM EVENTS BEGIN AGAIN!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the wonderful Chris Ingham Jazz Trio on Friday 13th August. Our first jazz event in the church and feedback has been hugely positive. The acoustics were amazing and this has spurred the team on to hold more musical events inside the church. We raised over £1,200 for roof repairs with an impromptu surprise bolster from Derek Thompson, racing sports commentator, who donated a VIP evening as his guests at the races. The event was a complete sell out with over 30 more guests on the waiting list for seats after our numbers were limited to 78 due to covid restrictions. Nevertheless, a splendid evening and many thanks to all of the wonderful team of Trustees and other helpers who set up and ran the evening. A special thank you to our sponsors Luke Whitwell of Nevelli Designer Home Heating and Bryan Goodwin of BGA Print for very kindly supporting this event.

If you would like to know how to become a Friend of St. Mary's or would simply like to make a donation to protect the church, please contact **Jackie** on **07721 625932** or email us at **fosmkersey@gmail.com**.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Two Lovely Ladies

There's a horrid phrase that social anthropologists use to describe the soft capital that communities possess – or not. It's called "social glue". It's that vague quality of togetherness and inclusion. Places with little cliques and competing factions with snipers popping up from behind bushes, ready to pick off brave souls don't have much social glue. On the other hand, places where you spend a darn good chance of being noticed when you're not happy and getting an arm around your shoulder, they're places stuffed full of the glue that binds together.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm an off the scale introvert, uncomfortable most of the time with arms round me or anyone getting that close but, well I have to be honest, without togetherness and social glue I feel abandoned and alone.

So when I first wondered about maybe taking the post of Vicar of Kersey I thought I'd head for the pub and see what it was like. You know what it was like. You know for two reasons, firstly because you've experienced it and secondly because you are a big part of what makes The Bell so darned special.

But we're not the most important reason that it is so welcoming and inclusive. The most important reasons are Wendy and Janet. They are amazing. You walk in there happy and they'll share your good mood; and you walk in there feeling down and low and they'll listen to you, empathise and never make you feel anything but listened to.

Heck it's no accident that churches and pubs were always built really close to one another. They both offer a listening ear, a welcome, and a form of absolution. And if you overdo it in one, then there's the other to give you a place to recover, which is why I spent so much time in The Bell.

Well I did and then lockdown came and messed everything up. Properly messed it up. Almost first on the phone were our landladies offering all their bar snacks to be taken to the hospital for exhausted and hungry critical care workers. Typical warm heartedness. Throughout our wise and skilful government's handling of the crisis (ha ha) Janet and Wendy did their absolute best to keep the place going. Pizza nights, a film set for Magpie Murders, community evenings, you name it they tried literally everything. Somewhere in the middle of this I'm pretty sure one of them got married and what a gorgeous day that was.

Then the news that they would be stepping down from running the pub (see back cover) and we all felt a light had gone out. They knew everyone who went there, spoke with fondness about them all and kept us together.

Wendy and Janet, thank you for being such a wonderful part of this parish, for being such good friends personally and to St Mary's and may God guide, uphold and care for you in whatever the future will bring you.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

3 Oct	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jackson
10 Oct	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Rev Jackson
17 Oct	6.30pm	Evensong	Rev Adrian Waller and Julie Boast
24 Oct		No service at Kersey	
31 Oct		On line service	
7 Nov	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jackson
14 Nov	11.00am	Remembrance service	Rev Jackson

Donations for a local food bank would be welcomed.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

This month's **500 Club** draw took place in the Church on Tuesday 23rd September with independent witnesses and the winners were:

1st Prize – Matthew Grannell

2nd Prize – Bruce Newbigging

3rd Prize – Jackson Crompton-Battersby

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

Details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery, plus all membership information can be accessed at: www.kerseychurch.org/fosm

Or for further details please contact either **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** or **Bruce Newbigging** on **07734 595404** or email fosmkersey@gmail.com.

KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

We also have a Kersey Community *Google calendar* on the website:

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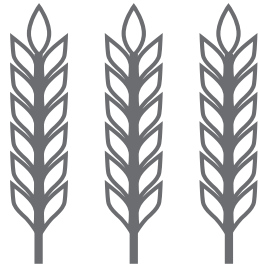
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PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 6th September.

Present were chairman John Hume, three councillors, clerk. Four members of the public and Babergh councillor attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from three councillors, one member of the public and the County councillor.

Accept members declarations of interest.

The chairman declared an interest in a planning application.

Reports:

County councillor Robert Lindsay's report included Suffolk Climate Emergency plan, Devolution for Suffolk without need for unitaries, Suffolk policy development panel and potholes, verges and hedges. He has been asked to chase up on potholes and verges in the parish. Potholes should be repaired within six months of being reported. No through roads in the village were cut by SCC contractors and local farmers have had to do it. He will try and ensure this doesn't happen again as it isn't the first time they haven't been done. There is also lack of verge cutting in Wicker Street Green which could be because of overgrown hedges.

District councillor Leigh Jamieson: An application for a gas fired power station in Sudbury has been rejected by the planning committee. Former Angel Court in Hadleigh has been converted into twenty one new homes. He also reported on Devolution, Afghan refugees, Local Energy showcase for green businesses and Babergh agreeing funding to identify wildlife corridors.

Parish Time: Three residents present raised concerns about nuisance parking in Church hill and The Street. The problems are caused by visitors, holiday let visitors, residents and trades people.

There has been some near misses and narrowing of the road preventing cars and larger vehicles getting through. Ideas put forward were a car park, signage, yellow lines, bollards and better communication with residents.

Consider solutions to nuisance car parking.

Councillors acknowledge there is a problem but a solution would not easily be found in a medieval village with limited off road parking. Some problems were contrary to the Highway Code such as parking near corners, junctions and parking on pavements. A letter will be sent to residents and owners of holiday let properties asking them not to park where it would cause a danger or nuisance and to use off road parking if they have some. It was agreed a Parish Assembly should be called sometime in October so all residents are given a chance to discuss the problem.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.



Clerk's report: A query was raised about the large amount of money proposed to be spent on the entrance to Belle View Park, Sudbury. Leigh Jamieson answered questions.

The clerk has completed the grant monitoring paperwork for Suffolk Community Foundation and Babergh. Volunteers are needed to join a working group to organise events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The parish council responded to Babergh regarding their application to join a government pilot project to increase planning publicity.

Correspondence: All correspondence has been circulated to councillors, this included an item from the school about an Apache helicopter landing on the Glebe as part of a project they are doing. Screen Suffolk will be filming in the village for one day on the 30th September.

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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

Church Hill and the Street will be closed for safety reasons. St Mary's church has written to ask if the Parish Council would contribute to the maintenance of the steps which lead up to the church. These are very worn and uneven.

Finance: All financial items were noted and payments approved.

Confirm date of Internal Audit: The auditor has agreed to complete the audit remotely during October.

Planning: Progress: Babergh have approved application for rear conservatory at Drumnamarg Barn adjacent to Red House Farm.

Variation in conditions and erection of cart lodge. Babergh have approved.

Ayers End, Erection of greenhouse. Councillors fully supported.

Old Vicarage. Application for tree works. Fully supported by councillors.

KCPC: The playground continues to be available for all. It has been mowed by volunteers over the summer. A maintenance day is planned for the autumn. It is hoped to hold a quiz night in November. A new gate has been fitted to the playground entrance. Following a recent inspection a few issues have been raised which are being looked into.

Update on the project to support residents to reduce their carbon footprint. The Parish Council is working with Groundwork East to provide community support to encourage residents to reduce their carbon footprint. The focus is on the no or low cost actions people can take. A before and after survey needs to be completed by as many residents as possible. Those without the internet can do the survey over the telephone. A "top tips" postcard is being delivered with the newsletter.

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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

Consider areas suggested for planting trees, hedges and wild flowers. Babergh is able to offer free trees and hedgerow plants. They would also like to increase areas where wild flowers are encouraged. Four sites were suggested.

Consider update on the Quiet Lanes proposal. Only the route from Kersey Uplands through to Cox Hill Boxford was suitable to be put forward. This initiative might not go ahead unless more time is given for consultation.

Consider setting up social media communication to engage with residents. It has been suggested that the Parish Council should consider publishing the agenda for meetings on Facebook. There is a public Kersey Facebook group of which a councillor is a member. Once agendas have been published she would post them on the Kersey Facebook page.

Consider replacement of the red warning triangle on Church Hill. After it was stolen a resident asked if the Parish Council would consider a replacement. Contributions have been offered. A purchase will be made once enough funding has been secured.

Arrange clerk's job appraisal and salary review. The chairman will meet with the clerk in October.

Receive report following review of website accessibility. The clerk has carried out a review of the website. Some improvements have been made to ensure as much of the content as possible is accessible.

Pride in our Parish content. It was agreed an article be written on parking.

Training: SALC continues to offer on line training.

AOB: The chair would be writing to thank the Kersey Projects team for organising such an enjoyable Kersey picnic. It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider registering The Bell as an asset of Community Value.

Next meeting 15th November.

DIARY DATE(S)

11 Oct – Parish Assembly Village Hall 19.30

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

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 25th October to:

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FARMING NOTES

Arable:

(These are the notes from the end of August that missed last month's issue.)

I am quickly compiling these notes late in the evening after another days harvesting of laid barley. We began harvest in late July and after a stop-start period of heavy showers managed to complete the winter barley, which was not up to our usual standard of yield or malting quality, due to the wet winter and the strangely dry April. We are now well into the Spring barley that appears to be a little better quality, but also badly laid (also known as 'lodging'). This makes it much more difficult and slower to harvest and also means the ground beneath the crop remains wet and causes the combine driver much frustration as the cutter bar continually clogs. We have also had more than our share of mechanical issues and had to find a replacement combine harvester at very short notice due to the failure of a 'non wearing part' component that is not available anywhere in Europe until mid-September! I think this is due to Brexit, factories closing for coronavirus and lack of foresight by the parts retailers in this country. It has resulted in us having to take whatever was available which proved to be a larger, faster and better machine that although expensive, may turn out to be a godsend. Now the weather is more settled we hope to complete the rest of the Spring barley fairly soon and move on to the wheat that is now fully ripe. As this is currently standing, with quite short straw the new machine will be able to show us its full capacity.

Forward to the present:

Suffice to say the newer hired combine was a great success, but we racked up a large hire fee that would not apply if we bought it, so with a good offer for our older broken machine, that's what we did! Currently after lots of ploughing and cultivating we are in the middle of autumn sowing which so far has gone better than the last two years, and we have also successfully established 165 acres of oil seed rape.

Livestock:

It seems a long time ago (Autumn 2020) that we made the decision to build a new barn at Bridges for storage. Quotes were requested, planning permission gained, site prepared and the building was ordered: an 18m by 30m (almost 5,000 sq ft) galvanised steel framed structure with fibre



cement roof and concrete panels for one wall at the back. Footings went in during March and all was looking good for completion before harvest time. This would be ideal as we could then put straw produced from this year's harvest straight in. It

FARMING NOTES (cont.)

was not until June (the planned month of delivery) that we were contacted by the building company who were sorry to say that due to covid related shortages and corresponding price increases they had not started fabrication and would not be able to honour their quote, and could we pay an extra 10% please? They also needed the building paying for in full before delivery. This made us a little nervous so I was relieved when eventually 3 big lorries finally delivered the roof, the steelwork and the 15 six metre long concrete panels. After further frustration and delay eventually 2 very able hardworking Romanian gentlemen arrived and said 'no problem' and lo and behold! The new barn was up and running within 7 days! When they left the farm my new Romanian friends left their high lift 'cherry picker' platform behind awaiting collection by a low loader. We quickly made use of this for a number of jobs including taking some aerial photos.

We recently made an effort to increase the clover content of some of our grazing fields. Clover has the smallest seed of any farm plant which I can think of. 10kg of clover seed was purchased and I spread these tiny seeds with a spinner on the back of the quad bike over about 20 acres of grassland (meadows and silage aftermath). The idea was that these seeds would germinate during the summer helped by the warm rains. After some seed counting and weighing on very sensitive scales by our resident Chemistry graduate (David) along with a quick back of an envelope calculation he advised me that I had spread about 20 million seeds in 2 hours. Here's hoping that at least some of them germinate and survive. A high clover content in grazing is beneficial in a number of ways: clover is higher in protein than grass; it catches (or fixes) its own nitrogen from the air (saving on artificial fertiliser) and the cows and sheep love eating it!

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PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

Car parking in The Street and Church Hill, Kersey

Dear Parishioners

I am writing on behalf of Kersey Parish Council to ask for your help in making Kersey a safer place to live, work and visit.

There has been an increase in complaints of poor parking in the centre of the village causing obstructed pavements, restricted through traffic and 'near misses'.

There are three actions your Parish Council is taking:

1. A request to those who have off-street parking to please use this whenever you can.
2. Asking holiday let owners to remind their guests to be considerate of other road users and pedestrians.
3. We will hold a Parish Assembly in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 11 October 2021. The aim is to consult on this subject for further consideration by the Parish Council.

Your views are important and we hope you will attend.

Yours sincerely

John W. Hume
Chair, Kersey Parish Council

More information is on the Kersey website:
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If you don't have access to the internet, contact a Parish Councillor for help.

MESSAGE FROM THE KERSEY BELL

Dear Friends,

We wanted to let you know that on 28th November 2021, we will be pulling our last pints as Landladies of the Bell Inn. We feel great sadness at the thought of not running this great pub anymore but we will cherish the memories made and lifelong friendships formed during our seven years behind the bar.

Seeing the pub empty during the various forced closures of the last year or so served as a great reminder that a pub is nothing without its customers and it is this community and the hundreds of visitors we welcome each year which makes The Bell Inn the truly special place it is. We could not have had the run we've had without your incredible support and we know the future of The Bell is safe in the hands of you, its customers.

We look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks and months to thank you in person and look back on the wonderful times we have shared.

Janet and Wendy