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01473 657349 rev@kind.church

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and vacant position.

Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

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CHURCH CLEANING

6th Sept – Louise Gibbons and Rachel Wells.

20th Sept – Suzie Rudkin and Philippa Harris.

4th Oct – Janet Covell and Rachael Rogers.

SYMPATHY

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ann Wemyss. Ann lived in Wickerstreet Green for many years and although she moved away still kept in touch through the newsletter.

CYCLE RIDE

The Suffolk Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride is taking on the 11th September. Sponsor forms are available in church.

TUESDAY CLUB

Our first meeting back after eighteen months will be on the 7th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Natalie will be coming to talk and show pictures of her holiday in India. Competition "An Indian connection".

FLOWER SHOW

Growers, bakers, crafters, flower arrangers & photographers we look forward to receiving your entries for our flower show on 11th September. These must be received by Thursday 9th at the latest. Recipes are available from me or I can email them, if you prefer.

Rachel Wells.

FLOWERS







I will let all arrangers know at a later date about flowers for our harvest festival. That weekend it's going to be busy with a wedding and antiques fair plus we have to try and fit our harvest flowers around these events.

Rachel Wells.



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PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU

Grace, Christine and Steven and all the family want to say “Thank You” for all your cards, letters and telephone calls and help in anyway at the time of Reg’s passing. It was a great comfort to us all at this sad time. Our family numbers were limited to thirty so it was great to see so many others were then allowed to join us in the church. Thank you to Rev Jackson for the service and helping Steven to keep Reg’s humour going to the very end. Finally thank you to Natalie and Adrian who made us so welcome at the Village Hall in these difficult times. A sum of £700 was donated to the Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding where Reg spent many happy hours. One of the horses has also been sponsored in Reg’s memory.

THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Kersey Parish Council are seeking volunteers to join a working party to organise celebrations of Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Next year, the Queen will be the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years since her accession, aged 25, to the throne on 6 June 1952.

There will be year long celebrations throughout the UK and the Commonwealth to recognise this historic reign, culminating in the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June 2022.

An extended holiday, from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for our community to mark this historic milestone. We want this to be a memorable event that will involve, engage and excite everyone in Kersey.

If you wish to join the working party to make this happen, please contact me on 01473 810098 (johnhumerkerseypc@gmail.com) or Sarah Partridge on 01787 210859 (Kerseypc@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!

John Hume, Chair, Kersey Parish Council

COVID-19 VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Back in March 2020 the Parish Council coordinated a group of residents who volunteered to support anyone in Kersey during the pandemic, with shopping, collecting medication and friendly phone calls. A list with all the volunteer contact details was delivered to every house in Kersey. Although the situation is improving these volunteers continue to be available to support residents. If you need anything it is up to you to make contact and ask for help. If anyone needs a new contact list then please contact:

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QUIET LANES SCHEME

You may have noticed in the local press that Suffolk County Council are providing funding to enable lanes within Suffolk to be designated as Quiet Lanes. The Quiet Lanes Scheme is to alert all road users (walkers, cyclists, horse riders and car drivers) that you are sharing the road with others and to encourage considerate use of the road. The idea is for the "Quiet Lanes" to become safer and more peaceful for all to use and enjoy. "Quiet Lanes" will have signs to alert users to the fact that they are entering a 'Quiet Lane' and to modify their behaviour to accommodate others

More information on the scheme can be found using the following link **https://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk/**

The parish council have looked into this scheme and found that the appropriate road within Kersey is the section between Cox Hill (through Wickerstreet Green) and the junction with Hall Road and Williams Green at Kersey Upland. Costs are supposed to be low, pending further investigation and signage will hopefully be relatively discreet yet appropriate. The benefits of the Quiet Lanes scheme can be found on the above link, but there is evidence that this scheme works to reduce speeds and accidents on rural roads.

The Parish Council invite Kersey residents to comment on the proposal and should you wish to do so, please email: kerseypc@gmail.com

Thank you

Kersey Parish Council

WEATHER (for July)

Rainfall 50mm (2")
Maximum temperature..... 30°C (86°F)
Minimum temperature 11°C (52°F)



*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.*

KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

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

https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/events/

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(If you already use Google Calendar you can add this to yours.)



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PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

Be A Good Neighbour...

Parish Councillors are often asked for advice and there are two current issues that seem to be causing bother. Both are resolved by being well mannered and considerate.

The first is **Bonfires**. The law allows us to have a bonfire in our garden. However, it can be a nuisance when the smoke drifts onto a road or someone else's house and garden, especially when the washing has just been put on the line. It is not fair on others to have a bonfire every week, especially when burning wet garden waste. It is also good practice to only light bonfires when the wind is blowing away from houses, and not next to a building, a wooden fence or garden hut – especially in a village like ours with so many thatched properties. It is tempting to get a smouldering fire going by throwing petrol on it – not a good idea – I did it once, many years ago and was lucky to get away with just a singed pair of gardening boots.

The second is **Dogs**. Our canine companions are a great comfort and fun. Most owners are responsible but there are a few legal and good practice basics to remember.

- All dogs must by law, when out in public, have a collar and ID tag with the owner's name, address and postcode.
- Since 2016, dogs must also be microchipped by the time they are eight weeks old.
- Dogs in public places must be 'under control', which means close to you and preferably on a lead, especially when near livestock.
- There are several laws on dog fouling and the reasons are obvious.
- All dogs bark but it can be a nuisance for others if excessive or at unsocial hours. If you are out at work all day you may not even be aware there is a problem.
- You may love your dog but do remember they may be unintentionally scary to some people – and other dogs !

So, with bonfires and dogs, please be considerate to others.

John W. Hume
Chair, Kersey Parish Council

More information is on the Kersey website:
www.kersey.suffolk.cloud.

If you don't have access to the internet, contact a Parish Councillor for help.



**Please remember to
keep dogs under
close control and to
clean up after them.**



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Aiming for the impossible 2021

How many times do we say "I can't do that. It's impossible!"? So we abandon the task altogether.

But then we read that 88 year old Iva Barr has taken part in the London Marathon, or that Daren Wendell and others have run 100 marathons in 100 days for charitable causes.

We have recently been celebrating the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon. Imagine it: two Americans bouncing their way down the steps of their lunar module to leave their country's flag and their footprints in the dust of our moon, almost 240,000 miles away. 50 years before that we were still using horse-drawn vehicles and owning your own motor car wasn't even a dream for the majority of the population; and as for reaching the moon – Impossible!

In our lifetime replacement hips and knee-joints have become commonplace as have donor hearts and other vital organs. Robotic hands are being successfully trialled giving people with damaged limbs the chance to perform tasks which they had previously thought impossible. Computers can be operated by eye and synthetic voices speak the ideas of their controllers.

We can now communicate with our families on the other side of the world, not only by text or voice, but we can actually see them as we chat; what fun, how reassuring.

So many impossible tasks and ideas have become possible in the last few decades, so would it be impossible to reduce the amount of plastic we use in our lives? If we all made up our minds to eliminate as much single use plastic as we possibly can, surely it would make a difference? We have been blessed with such a wonderful and diverse world, so beautiful in parts, awe-inspiring in others, so why wreck it with our unnecessary plastics? Why do we need apples and parsnips wrapped in it, why is black plastic still being used for plant pots and food containers, why are products still being double and triple wrapped in plastic and cling film? Why, Oh why?

All good wishes,

Julie Boast

St Mary's Church Elder
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5 Sept	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jackson
12 Sept	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Rev Jackson
19 Sept	6.30pm	Evensong	Rev Adrian Waller and Julie Boast
26 Sept	4.30pm	Harvest festival with baptism	Rev Jackson

Donations for a local food bank would be welcomed.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Parish Council is working with Groundwork East and the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership to help reduce Kersey's carbon footprint.

The estimate is that if every household in Kersey made five simple changes we could, in one year, reduce our carbon footprint by 200 tonnes CO₂. That is the equivalent of 63 return flights from London to Perth, Australia and, in achieving that, each household could also be saving an annual average of £140 on utility bills.

Groundwork East ask that each household completes a brief survey. The survey is a series of questions which merely need tick box answers and will take only five minutes to complete. It can be completed on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/greensuffolkbefore> or by telephone on 07720 098980. No personal information is required other than the first line of your address. There will be another survey in four months' time to discover whether or not being more informed about energy use has resulted in any changes.

Groundwork East have given us 12 information sheets on various ways to save energy, including a list of No Cost Actions, a Draught Proofing Advice Sheet and a Water Saving Advice Sheet. All the advice sheets are available on the village website. They have also provided a dedicated energy advisor who can answer individual questions and give impartial advice. Her name is Sarah Gill and she can be contacted on 07720 098980 or sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk.

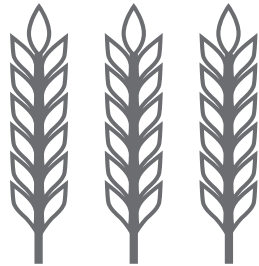
The news recently has been filled with accounts of floods and fires which have resulted in loss of lives and homes and which scientists believe are caused by climate change. Turning off one's lights more often seems a tiny response to a global disaster but, done by enough people, it can count.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 5th July.

Present was chairman John Hume, five councillors, clerk and three members of the public.

County councillor Robert Lindsay attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from one councillor, one member of the public and the District councillor.

Reports: Robert Lindsay County Councillor. He was re-elected in May along with eight other Green councillors making them the main opposition group to the Conservatives. He thanks all those who supported him. The Greens have joined forces with the Lib Dems and Independent councillors to make a fifteen strong group. He has been appointed deputy leader for the first year. The first meeting in May took place at Wherstead park the only venue large enough. The July meeting was cancelled and it is hoped restrictions will have been lifted and an extra meeting held in September and a venue found.

The cabinet has been re- shuffled and new roles created.

He recently attended a very positive meeting at the school with parents and the new Interim Executive Board. It has applied to join the Tilian multi academy trust and the chief executive of the Trust was also at the meeting. He spoke about his desire to keep the school open and flourishing as did SCC senior education officer. The issue of a sign for the school on the A 1141 continues.

He also reported on school travel and split villages and split siblings, Special Educational Needs review and Bus Back Better.

Leigh Jamieson District Councillor. He had sent a report. Over 100 new businesses have signed up to the Virtual High Street. This allows shoppers to shop local at a range of high st. stores, independent retailers, cafes and restaurants. Customers will be able to visit these places on line and place orders. In Hadleigh over 55 businesses have joined.

Joint Local Plan Examination: This will now take place in September and mid autumn.

Belle Vue Park entrance: The future of Bell Vue Park in Sudbury is on the agenda for this month. The cabinet accepted a bid to turn the house and swimming pool area into retirement homes. The bid will give the council £1. 2m for the park entrance.

The council will review the **CIFCO** annual business plan. While the property investment company have brought in over £5m to help fund services and projects in Babergh and Mid Suffolk the strategy of borrowing to generate income is controversial.

Locality Award Fund: Money has been made available for each councillor to support villages in their wards. Applications are welcomed for a number of initiatives.

A question was raised about the cost of the proposed entrance at Bell Vue Park.



Parish time: A concern had been raised about bonfires. Be considerate to neighbours, consider the wind direction, weather and time of day when starting a bonfire. Concerns were also raised about the long verges making junctions and bends dangerous. Also there are many potholes around the parish which need filling. A suggestion for the Platinum Jubilee celebration in 2022 was for another street party.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

Clerk's report: The clerk has responded to Power Networks consultation and the Government remote meetings call for evidence. She had contacted the County councillor

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regarding uncut verges and the amount of potholes awaiting repair. He would follow this up. Babergh are keen to improve biodiversity in the district and are working to find spaces for new trees, hedgerows and wild flowers. The Parish Council would welcome ideas for suitable areas in Kersey. Some locations have already been put forward.

Correspondence: The following had been circulated to all councillors. Boundary Commission Review of parliamentary constituencies, Babergh Active travel consultation, Suffolk Climate Change partnership, Babergh local plan and Develop Skills in Health and Social Care.

Finance: Accounts and financial statement had been circulated. All payments were approved. The year end accounts have been published on the website.

Planning: Progress. Leys House. Erection of single storey rear side extension, Erection of home office with guest accommodation. Babergh granted permission with conditions of a green roof system for the home office and a restriction that the guest accommodation cannot be used as a separate household and the office for commercial use. These conditions meet some concerns raised by the Parish Council.

Curtis Farm, Wickerstreet Green. Babergh had granted permission for a garden room and installation of French doors.

Planning application for Drumnamarg, The Tye. Councillors fully supported an application for a rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. This would modernise the property and make it watertight.

Footpath Working Group: No problems with the paths except the weather had created significant growth. Volunteers have been working hard to carry out surface clearance work. A more robust strimmer may be needed.

KCPC Group members are mowing the grass and carrying out safety checks. It is hoped to hold the quiz night in November subject to demand.

Update on Playground Improvement Project. The new basket swing has been installed and is being enjoyed by the children. Repairs have been done to the climbing frame. The playground gate has been replaced and gate posts replaced at the pedestrian entrance to the playing field.

After a professional inspection had been carried out a few minor risks were highlighted. Noted was the long grass on the slide mound. This had been left on purpose to encourage biodiversity.

Update on **Quiet Lanes** proposal. After a discussion with the quiet lanes team it was thought that the proposed route could be extended to include Church Hill, The Street to the A1141 Crossroads. This would then link with a proposed route in Aldham. Another thought was to make all the roads in Kersey quiet lanes. This would depend on number of signs and costs. Public consultation will be necessary, through a public meeting, leaflet drop to households as well as the newsletter.

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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 2021/2022 **by the 31st August**, for consideration at our September meeting.

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Consider ideas for a community event to celebrate the **Queens Platinum Jubilee**. There will be an extended bank holiday in June when it is hoped communities will come together to celebrate. A working group to be formed to organise events. It should be something that involves the whole community.

Review **Parish Council Asset Register**, report on physical inspection of assets and insurance cover and a review of the fidelity guarantee. All assets had been checked and were in good order. Some of the older timber street furniture is beginning to show signs of age but are OK at the moment and will be kept monitored. It was agreed to add the junction warning sign on Church Hill as an asset.

Consider any actions necessary due to **COVID 19. Community support** remains in place.

Agree content for **Pride in our Parish**. The chair will write an article about being good neighbours with regard to dogs and bonfires. There had been complaints about noisy dogs disturbing people and out of control dogs running through gardens. There have also been complaints about smoke from bonfires causing a nuisance.

Training: On line training is available.

Meeting: SALC Babergh Area Forum via Zoom. Notes have been circulated to councillors.

AOB: Councillors were concerned about road signs being obscured by vegetation. The clerk will contact Robert Lindsay.

Next meeting 6th September.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 2nd of August.

Present were Chairman John Hume, three councillors and clerk.

One councillor was absent with apologies being received from two councillors and two members of the public.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

Planning: Barn adjacent to Red House Farm, Wickerstreet Green. Variation of approved plans. Cart lodge to be relocated and size amended to allow for home office. Roof to be raised to achieve head height. After much consideration it was resolved to object to this proposal due to concerns on height and size of cart lodge. If the planning authority approve this application the parish council would like to see a condition restricting the use of the cart

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

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 27th September to:

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lodge so it cannot be used for residential accommodation.

Kersey Mill. Proposal for construction of workshop, erection of domestic garage and domestic outbuilding. There were some proposed conditions from Highways, Environmental Health & Heritage. After discussion it was agreed to support the application though there were some concerns about development at the site. The Parish Council would not like to see any further development in this location.

AOB: It was commented that some Parish councils use social media to publicise meetings. The younger generation tend to use Facebook. This to be considered at next meeting. A question was asked about the idea of setting up a parish email advert to keep residents informed on things such as flooding. It was decided not to pursue this. The emergency plan has a protocol to follow & residents are encouraged to sign up to government flood alerts from the Environment Agency. Councillors were concerned about the many pot holes which have still not been repaired. Also the no through roads have been missed by the cutting contractors again, county councillor to be contacted. A tree has fallen across the verge on the double bend near Williams Green. The chair will report to SCC. Residents in Vale Lane have raised concerns about the lack of grass cutting outside the houses. It has been suggested that the two main areas should be mown and the rest left for wildlife/wild flowers. Some residents had not understood the role of the COVID 19 volunteers. These volunteers are happy to help support residents but it is up to the residents to ask for help.

A Zoom meeting is being set up to take forward the community support to help residents reduce their carbon footprint. Two councillors agreed to try and join this meeting.

Next meeting 6th September.

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DIARY DATES

6 Sep – Parish Council.....	Village Hall.....	19.30
7 Sep – Tuesday club.....	Village Hall.....	19.30
11 Sep – Flower Show.....	Village Hall.....	14.15-17.00
14 Sep – PCC.....	St Mary’s Church.....	19.00
25 Sep – Wedding.....	St. Mary’s church.....	12.00
26 Sep – Antiques Fair.....	St. Mary’s church.....	10.00-15.00



Kersey Reunited - Village Picnic

You are invited to join us on

Monday 30 August

From 3.00pm onwards

at the Glebe (Recreation Ground)

A glass of fizz and a hot dog with the compliments
of Kersey Projects.

Bring your own deckchair/drinks/nibbles.

We look forward to seeing you all again!



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