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Church Clergy:

Rev. Jackson Crompton-Battersby.
01473 657349 rev@kind.church

Church Wardens:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

REVEREND JACKSON LEAVING

It is with great sadness that St Mary's PCC announce that Reverend Jackson will be moving to Laver-de-la-Haye to be a part-time team vicar in October 2022. Rev. Jackson and his family are very sad to be leaving Kersey after 4 years, but the Diocese are unable to offer a part-time role here.

Jackson's energy, humour, positivity and spirituality will be missed by us all both in Church and at the many village events which he attended or even took part in; who can forget the music sessions at The Bell! With him will go Holly who, alongside Jackson, supported life at St Mary's with her creativity and sense of duty.

His final service is to be 23rd October at Hintlesham church.

The PCC are organising a leaving gift and if you wish to make a donation towards it, please contact Linda Newbigging **07905731431** or **lindanewbigging@btinternet.com**

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

There have been a lot of moves in the past few weeks – sorry if we have missed you out. John Robinson has left Corner House in his place we welcome Juliet and Martin Lynch. Ian and Marianne have moved into 8 Vale Lane. Simon and Debbie Holmes have moved from Holly Tree Cottage. We welcome here Jane Morgan and her daughter. Janet and Tony Jacobs (parents of Sarah Williams) have moved into the annex at Harts Cottage. Diana Pembroke has moved from Tye house in her place we welcome Emma and Jamie Floyd. Olivia and Archie Tollemache and their children are at Manor Lodge. Lizzie, Nick and Mimi Oliver are moving into Groton Wood cottage.

RINGERS

Some ringers from Chelmsford cathedral are coming to ring the bells on August Bank Holiday Monday and on the 13th September some ringers from around Suffolk will also be coming to ring the bells.

CHURCH CLEANING

29th August – Susannah Marsh and Annie Delmar.
12th September – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker.
26th September – Sarah Partridge and Jenny Partridge.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Joanne Rodgers and David Kelly from Ipswich were married at St Mary’s on the 11th August. Lara Clare Watson-Currie was baptised at St Mary’s on 7th August by Rev Simon White. Lara is only five weeks old but travelled from Australia with her parents for the occasion. Lara is the granddaughter of Sarah Stirling.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The rota is on the notice board, if you are able to arrange the altar flowers at anytime I would be grateful. **Rachel**

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those who have been to hospital, undergoing treatment or unwell at home.

PARISH NEWS

JOHN ROBINSON AND THE GRAYS’ TRUST

Many people will be aware that John Robinson of the Corner House has now left Kersey, and of the enormous contribution he has made to many organisations in the village for many years, including the Parish Council and the PCC. In particular, John was the active Chairman of the Trustees of the Grays’ Trust. He led the transformation of the Trust into a registered charity that has provided each year thousands of pounds in grants to assist with the education of people within the parish. The school has regularly received money from the Trust as well as students young and old. The capital to generate the income from the Grays’ Trust to spend arose principally from the sale of the old Reading Room and John Robinson has looked after the capital investments of the Trust prudently and successfully. The hundreds of Kersey parish residents who have over the years received money to help with their education owe him a great deal. John’s practical and sympathetic approach has meant that the Grays’ Trust continues to make a valuable and helpful contribution to Kersey life. Peter Martin and Philippa Harris

KERSEY CASUALS CRICKET CLUB

Calling all willing, able and not so able cricketers – your Parish needs you! The gauntlet (batting glove) has been thrown down to resurrect the annual fixture against the surrounding parishes of Hintlesham & Chattisham on Sunday 18th September at Rockhalls Farm, starting at 2pm. The cricket match will be preceded by a short Church service at the ground at 1pm, which everyone is welcome to attend. Could all budding cricketers, young or old, contact Bruce Newbigging (Chairman of Selectors) as soon as possible, if you would like to play for the Kersey Casual Team. It is always a fun day, where tea is the main priority of the day, so spectators are more

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than welcome throughout the afternoon to cheer the Kersey Casuals on to victory come the day!

Any contributions towards the tea, such as cakes or sandwiches are more than welcome, so please contact Linda Newbigging if you can provide something for the table.

Contact: **Bruce Newbigging, 07734 595404 (bnewbigg@gmail.com)**

KERSEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We are a small and friendly club and welcome players of all abilities. The purpose of the club is social and recreational. We operate from Kersey village hall on Thursday evenings between 7:30pm and 9:00pm.

Our fees are: Adults £2.50 for one hour or £3.00 for the full session.

Juniors (under 18) £2.00 irrespective of duration.

Our next season commences on 8th September 2022 and ends 29th June 2023.

Contact: **Adrian Blyth 01473 827805 (amblyth1@gmail.com)**

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Owing to lack of numbers the outing to Bressingham gardens was cancelled.

The flower show date is the 10th September 2.15-5.00 in the Village Hall. If we don't get some rain soon the vegetable and flower classes will obviously be affected with lower entries. However there are plenty of other classes to enter. Last day for entries is Thursday 8th. Any prizes for the Tombola at the show would be appreciated. Please give to Norah Orriss or Rachel Wells.

TUESDAY CLUB

In July we welcomed back an old friend, Chris Parfitt from Rendlesham, who has been coming to the club for many years. His theme for the evening was a Cornish Medley. There were some lovely pictures of the pretty parts of Cornwall plus pictures of Cornish industry. All very interesting and bringing back memories of past holidays. Competition for "Something Cornish" was won by Jenny Partridge.

In August we welcomed Tina and Roger Loose from Boxford with "Alpine flowers of the French Alps". They took us on walks they had been on in the Alps near to the Italian border. They explained in winter when the ground is covered in snow and it is frequented by skiers, the snow melts and out come the delicate alpine flowers many of which only grow in this part of the world. It was interesting to hear how different species of bees pollinate the plants and how certain plants grow at the different altitudes. Competition for "A Flower" was won by Frances Whymark.

We meet again on the 6th September 7.30 in the Village Hall. Pip Wright from Stowmarket will be giving a talk on "Watery places of Suffolk". Competition "Something beginning with W".







VILLAGE HALL

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

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

If you are planning an event in Kersey please email the information to Sarah Partridge at ***kerseypc@gmail.com*** so it can be included.

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

NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Acorns (Reception, Years 1 and 2):

We have had the most exciting two weeks in Acorn Class. Firstly, we had the proud responsibility of growing and taking care of our very own caterpillars which we are pleased to say have all grown into the most beautiful butterflies. The children took the butterflies over a flowery spot in the church yard and released them into the wild. We spoke a lot about the importance of animals in the world and allowing them to be free and grow in their natural habitat. The children took great pride in this and were amazed to see their final transformation. We have also been designing and creating our own camouflage theme t-shirts as our art project has been looking at camouflage artists. The children have discovered patterns and techniques they can use to make themselves look almost invisible against different backgrounds. This has also linked nicely into our work about animals, their life cycles and their habitats. We have focused on exploring why some animals are camouflage and why some do not need to be. As well as this, we have learnt that frogs begin their life as tadpoles and are often only camouflaged when they are fully grown adults.

Finally, a huge well done to all the children who participated in sports day! The children in Acorn class were committed to trying hard but had a great attitude towards success, failure and team support! Mrs Cousins and I are exceptionally proud of you! Miss Pratt

Oaks (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6):

The past two weeks have seen the return of Mrs Quinn and our fantastic Art lessons. This week was no exception; we created our own clay fish, which looked incredible! We will be adding colour to them in the coming weeks.

We have been writing our own biographies in English, based on the learning around David Attenborough's biography. We have used what we have learned to make our writing the best it can be. It has been a great opportunity to share our knowledge about other famous individuals who are passionate about the environment.

Sports day is always a great event in the school calendar and the perfect opportunity for the older children in the school to demonstrate how mature and sensible they can be when with their Houses. It can take a lot of patience and kindness to support others, but Mrs DP and I were impressed by how well the Oak class children looked out for their younger peers. Well done! Mrs Damant



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Church Quinquennial Report (QR) 2019

In order to ensure the church is kept in good repair a suitably qualified architect carries out an inspection every five years and a report is handed to the Diocese and the PCC for implementation. Our latest QR was completed in 2019 and handed to the PCC just before the COVID 19 pandemic. The report lists those things that must be done as soon as possible and those things which should be done over time.

From this very extensive must do list the PCC have initially concentrated on: the roof, the lightning conductor, the external windows, the internal windows, the soakaways, and the electrics.

The main roof load is estimated at 28 tons of lead plus tiles. The roof has a run off into a gully which contains a number of drain pipes and spouts. Recent problems have occurred when this gully is blocked by ice or debris. Majority of the gully can be inspected from the bell tower. Our contractor reported 17 lead patches were required to the end and side rolls plus 6 damaged tiles on the chancel required replacement. This work was completed in May and the next full roof inspection is due in 2027.

The church has one lightning conductor which is tested annually, this comes to earth on the northwest wall and travels to the top of the tower where it splits into eight along the parapets. The 2019 QR stated the conductor tape had come away from the wall on the tower roof parapets. This repair work was completed in March.

The QR highlighted that many of the quarry diamond shaped window tiles were cracked or missing throughout the church. We engaged a Master Glazier who identified 19 broken panes, caused largely by movement in the building. The repair work to the glass and lead was completed in March.

The three severely damaged windows in the chancel and the squint window had appeared on many QRs. In the latest one they moved up to the must do list. All four windows had been cemented in without any lead using 1970s standard plate glass. Small movements in the building led to the inevitable slippage and cracks, which were considered to be dangerous to the public. Three new windows were commissioned using similar glass to the rest of the church ensuring any future movement is managed through the small panes and lead surround. The stonework at the top of each window has also been repaired. We took the opportunity to introduce a small amount of colour and the Queen Elizabeth jubilee dates for posterity. The Squint window opening has been repaired and for the time being left open.

There are a number of areas around the church where the spouts from the roof cascade water below. These soakaways have been dug out over the years and filled with gravel to aid the water flow away from the walls. The last two QRs have stated these old soakaways on the north side are now ineffective and require an overall. This work will be completed before winter.

The QR mentions the electrics. The electrics are subject to an on-going improvement plan and over the past two years old sockets have been replaced and new ones added to the South wall. New efficient lighting has been fitted where possible and the wiring up the spiral staircase to the bell chamber has been checked and improved where necessary.

The total cost of this work to date excluding recoverable VAT is circa £5,000.

Colin Grannell, Treasurer.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

4th Sep	9.00	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jackson
11th Sep	11.00	Parish service	Rev Jackson
18th Sep	12.00	Benefice service before the cricket match at Polstead	Rev Jackson
25th Sep	11.00	No service at Kersey. BCP Holy Communion at Aldham	

ST MARY'S FLOODLIGHTS

The lights on our church show our beautiful parish church at its best. Can you donate £8 a month to light up the church one night a month? To have St Mary's church lit up, please email Philippa at community@kind.church

5th of each month: Sarah, in memory of my father, Robert Visick

7th of each month: Victoria, in memory of Ann Wigglesworth

8th of each month: Helen, in memory of my brother Matthew

9th of each month: Meg, in memory of my father










12th of each month: The Anderson family, in memory of the L-B family

14th of each month: Michele, in memory of Anne Maltby

18th of each month: Jackson, in memory of my brother Mark

24th of each month: Sponsored by Ipswich Senior School

27th of each month: Michele, in memory of John Maltby

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

The July and August **500 Club** draws took place in the church on with independent witnesses and the winners were:

	July	August
1st Prize –	Nick Hamblen	Matthew Grannell
2nd Prize –	Colin Grannell	Nick Hamblen
3rd Prize –	Neil Hutton	Bruce Newbigging

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

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Arable

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Livestock

Although farmers have a reputation for talking about the weather, I make no apology this month for what follows... In previous farming notes I commented that cattle and sheep often do well in a dry year due to efficient digestion of dry grass and a reduced threat from the various parasites, (gut worms and coccidiosis) which thrive in warm damp conditions, and this has indeed been the case. The continued dry hot conditions though are now beyond a joke and the worst I have seen in my working lifetime. (I was still at school in 1976.) The recent 10mm of rain which fell onto warm parched ground did very little good. It did trigger a tiny amount of grass growth but every fresh blade of grass is being nibbled off by hungry cows or sheep almost before we can see it! The cows are being sustained by eating rough dry stalky grass which grew earlier in the summer, along with straw from the recent



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harvest which I take out to them several times a week. The growth rates of the calves and lambs will be affected, but are being maintained to a degree by the feeding of expensive (£400 a tonne) concentrate feed.

However, farming life goes on. The bulls have now been removed from the cow groups and housed, also 12 more pedigree embryos have been implanted into other cows. We will find out how successful they have been when we pregnancy scan the cows in the autumn. A further eight pedigree British Blue calves are also due to be born soon, the result of embryos implanted last year.

Stock Ram

We need to source at least one new stock ram for the Suffolk flock. Although Suffolk Sheep are very common and found all over the world, when it comes to buying a new ram there are a number of criteria which the ram has to fit: As well as being unrelated to our ewes a new ram must be the right type with good flesh, correct legs and colouring (black head and legs with white wool). We also need our new stock ram to be high health status and performance recorded with exceptional figures for growth and muscle. There is little point buying a new ram which is not better than what we already have. I have done some research and spoken to some breeders. Sarah and I will be travelling to Yorkshire next week in search of the perfect ram!

WEATHER (for June)

Rainfall	48mm (1.75")
Maximum temperature.....	31°C (88°F)
Minimum temperature	6°C (43°F)



WEATHER (for July)

Rainfall	0.1mm (0")
Maximum temperature.....	36°C (97°F)
Minimum temperature	10°C (50°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.

The next issue is **October 2022.**

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 26th September to:

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PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the 4th July.

Present were John Hume (chair), three councillors and the clerk.

Apologies received from one councillor and Babergh councillor.

Co-option to fill vacancies: There are two vacancies which can be filled by co-option. A third vacancy is being advertised. Residents are being encouraged to consider becoming a parish councillor.

Reports: Suffolk County councillor Robert Lindsay.
Babergh District councillor Leigh Jamieson.

These two reports can be seen on the Parish Council website.

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

Clerk's report: The clerk had submitted a response to the Babergh survey regarding the UK Shared Prosperity fund. The defibrillator is still not operational. The clerk is working with the Community Heartbeat Trust to get this working again as soon as possible.

Correspondence: All had been circulated to councillors and noted.

Finance: A copy of the accounts had been circulated to councillors for approval. All payments were approved. The clerk confirmed all necessary accounts had been published on the website in accordance with regulations and the Transparency Code.

Planning: Progress. Babergh had granted permission for retention of chicken shed and run at Green Gables.

Footpath Working Group: Report received from Kevin Pratt. The footpath volunteers have been working hard to complete the first cut. Options are being investigated to potentially replace and update some equipment. More volunteers are needed.

KCPC Working Group: Report received from Jonathan Marsh. The playground continues to be used and there were no material defects discovered at the last inspection. A replacement mower is being investigated. The cricket net is showing signs of wear and tear. The grass mowing rota continues to operate well. A quiz night is planned for the 11th November.

Jubilee Working Group: Final report. The street party had been a great success with nearly 300 people attending. The community had come together and helped in many ways. There was a small under spend on the budget this was given to Kersey Projects to offset some of their expenses.

Consider the process for reviewing the Parish Action Plan and developing a new five year plan. The existing Parish Action Plan is out of date. It was agreed the council would work on completing a review over the next twelve months.

Review Parish Council Asset register: All fixed assets had been checked except for the street lights which are due to be upgraded this summer. All repairs needed were noted.

Agree content for Pride in our Parish.

It was agreed to write an article to encourage residents to consider becoming a parish councillor.

Training: SALC continues to offer online training.

Next Parish Council meeting is on the 5th September.

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- delivering services to meet local needs
- managing a budget

The Parish Council initiates and supports, with the help of volunteers, a variety of projects in Kersey to improve our quality of life. Projects include the installation of the defibrillator, managing the playground, surface clearance of the footpath network and keeping Kersey litter free. The Parish Council can also influence other bodies and tiers of local government, including through planning recommendations and raising matters of local concern.

The Parish Council works in the best interests of all residents in the whole parish to ensure Kersey is a great place in which to live, learn, work and visit.

The Parish Council depends on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community. Whatever their background, local people working as Parish Councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding. The Parish Councillors undertake their duties voluntarily, supported by the Parish Clerk. If you are interested in being a Councillor or joining one of our working groups please contact any Councillor or the Clerk.

Without your support the Parish Council is unable to make the best decisions for the residents of Kersey.

Yours sincerely

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.

DIARY DATES

2 Sep – Live Jazz (Derek Nash Trio) St Mary's Church 19.30
5 Sep – Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30
6 Sep – Tuesday club Village Hall 19.30
10 Sep – Flower Show Village Hall 14.15-17.00
21 Sep – PCC St Mary's Church 19.00

Kersey Projects

Dates for your Diary



We are looking forward to welcoming you to a variety of community events in the coming months and further details will be shared in future newsletters. We hope there will be something for you all to enjoy.

Café at Kersey Christmas Fair*: Saturday, 26 November 2022

Serving light lunches and afternoon teas in the Church.



Christmas Tree Lighting: Thursday, 1 December 2022

Join us for this annual gathering with mulled wine and mince pies at the Splash.

Burns Night Evening*: Friday, 27 January 2023

Enjoy an evening with traditional Scottish fayre in the Village Hall along with bagpipes, a Ceilidh band and not forgetting men in kilts (optional of course)!



Kersey Open Gardens*: Saturday, 10 June 2023

Back at last, a chance to share Kersey's beautiful gardens. If you would like to include your garden in this event, please get in touch with Kersey Projects. A proportion of the proceeds will go to a chosen charity.



If you have any questions, please email us at: kerseyprojects@gmail.com.

*Fundraising to support future community activities and events.