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Please let us know of any changes.

Defibrillators – There are two AEDs located within the parish at **The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY** and **Kersey Mill IP7 6DP**.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Warden:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact adrianwaller@mac.com or phone 01473 652561.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 11th Sept – Linda Newbigging & Gillian Sacker
" 25th Sept – Sarah Partridge & Jenny Partridge
" 9th Oct – Bridget Allen

RINGERS

The Roving Ringers visited the church on the 31st July to ring our bells. A team from the Central Council of church bellringers will be coming to use the bells of St Mary's on Friday 1st September from 4pm until 5pm. A group of RAF bell ringers will be coming to ring the bells beginning at 10.45 for 1 hour on Saturday 23rd September. Essex young ringers would like to ring the bells on Saturday 30th September from 5pm until 6pm.

SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to David Griffiths, Ruth, Polly and families on the death of Sue. She will be greatly missed by them all.

Susan Griffiths died peacefully at Ipswich Hospital on the 8th of August after many years living with Multiple Sclerosis. Sue moved to Suffolk from South London with her daughter Ruth, soon renting Ailsa Cottage from the author Hammond Innes. Her father, Jack Vincent, joined her in the village at No 2 Bell Cottages. After meeting and marrying David, Polly was born and Ailsa Cottage continued as the family home. She loved Kersey and lived in the village for over 50 years; the cottage and garden being a great passion for her. Sue was a gifted painter and teacher and taught at Kersey Primary School before going onto teach at Hadleigh, Claydon and Westbourne. She also set up the Kersey study group that ran successfully for many years. We will remember her for her intellect, sharp wits, sense of humour and her laughter that stayed with her to the end. David, Ruth and Polly would like to thank everyone in the village for all their messages, kindness and support.

INVALIDS

We wish everyone who are unwell or have had spells in hospital a speedy recovery.



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WELCOME

Welcome to Alice Lucas-Tooth and her husband Anthony Dworkin who have moved into River House after months of restoration work. We would like to welcome Guy and Claire Lawrence and their son Harry to “Weavers”, Wickerstreet Green. We wish Garry and Jill Collier who have moved from “Weavers” many happy years in their new home at Gt. Waldingfield.

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Coming up soon on 9th Sept. is The Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride. Why not do it and return to Kersey Village Hall for a cuppa and some cake? Sponsorship forms can be collected from Kersey Church of Frances Whymark on 01473 827302 or 07873720279.

FLOWERS

Thank you to Ruth who took on arranging the altar flowers for August. The church looks much more welcoming with some flowers. At the moment a date hasn't been set for harvest festival. I will let you know when it has been fixed.

Rachel Wells.

LICENSING

On the 26th September Revd. Geoffrey Clement will be licensed as rector of our Benefice by Right Revd. Martin Seeley at St Mary's, Kersey 7.30.

PARISH NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

Members of the club welcomed James Hayward from Ipswich to their July meeting his subject being The Titanic. Beginning with a background to the liner he said she was the largest passenger steamship at the time of her launch. During her maiden voyage the liner struck an iceberg on 14th April 1912 and sank with the loss of more than 1500 of the 3500 passengers and crew. He spoke about some of the famous people who were on board and some who came from the local area. The talk was accompanied by pictures of the liner and some of the people who perished and some survivors. A very interesting talk. Competition for “Something nautical” was won by Jenny Partridge.

At the August meeting members were invited into the fascinating world of a thatcher. We were joined by Master Thatcher Paul Congdon who has been thatching for over forty three years. He gave a brief talk on the history of thatched roofs and methods of thatching used. He brought along some of his many tools and examples of straw and reeds. It was very interesting especially as many of us have watched progress

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of his work on a house in Kersey which he has recently finished. Members were keen to ask questions about his work. The evening ended with tea and delicious cake made by Natalie to celebrate her birthday. Competition "A photo or picture of something thatched" was won by Jenny Partridge.

Next meeting will be on 5th September when we will be joined by Tracy from "The Giggly Pig" in Essex. Tracy is a pig farmer and sausage maker. Tracy is coming from far afield so it would be good to have lots of people for the meeting. Anyone is welcome to come. There will be sausages for sale. Village Hall 7.30pm. Competition "Something comical".

Rachel Wells.

OUTING

On Saturday 15th July a coach party left Kersey for a visit to the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall. What a day with exceptionally high winds but thankfully no rain. On arrival we were advised to visit the hill top gardens first as the weather was forecast to be worse in the afternoon. Some of the party took advantage of the mobility shuttle and rode to the hill top gardens. The gardens were immaculate with many flowers out which were only in bud in our own gardens. There were many seats and if you could find one in a sheltered area it was enjoyable just to sit and enjoy the surroundings. Parts of the gardens especially near the high trees were cordoned off for safety reasons. The high winds all added in making a memorable day out one we won't forget. The outing was organised by the Village Produce Association.

FLOWER SHOW

Only a few days to go to the flower show. It's been a good growing season so we are hoping for lots of entries in the vegetable and flower classes. Recipes are available as paper copy or I can email them to you. Last date for entries is Thursday 7th.

Rachel Wells.

THE ASHES ARE BACK!

We are delighted to say the annual village cricket match between the Parishes of Kersey and Chattisham and Hintlesham returns to Rockalls on 10th September at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome along to enjoy the afternoon of cricket and to witness Kersey (hopefully) retaining the Ashes under the captaincy of Tommy Newbigging. If anyone would like to play, please contact:







Bruce Newbigging bnewbigg@gmail.com

Everyone is very welcome to join the players for tea at the interval. It will be very much appreciated if you can bring along a contribution of cake or sandwiches. Please contact Linda Newbigging lindanewbigging@btinternet.com if you feel able to help with tea.



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KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

The highlight of the Kersey Social Calendar – Friday 10th November, Kersey Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, start 7.30pm. Carriages: 10.30pm. Supper provided. Bring your own preferred refreshments.

Teams of up to 8 people. Entrance £15 per person: cash at the door. Glittering Trophy for the Champions (previous winning team please return the cup) and Raffle with a multitude of interesting and exciting prizes.

To reserve tables or donate prizes for the raffle: Jonathan Marsh, jonathan.marsh10@icloud.com, Dominique Young, dominique.young@btinternet.com
Please book by Monday 6th November to avoid disappointment!

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S EVENTS

Friday 3rd November – Jazz Night: Our next jazz evening at St Mary's will be on Friday 3rd November with the 'Art Themen Trio'. This event has been hugely popular. We are already sold out and have a waiting list.

Friday 8th December – Christmas Supper Dance: 'Save the date' in your diaries for this popular candlelit dinner dance at St Mary's with live swing top music and dancing until midnight. Full details will follow in next month's newsletter but to register your interest early, please email fosmkersey@gmail.com.

NIGHTINGALE TRUST – ALLOTMENTS

The Nightingale Trust are members of Kings Seeds Allotment and Horticultural Societies and Gardening Seeds Scheme. Last year, our second year in the scheme, we managed to obtain a 50% discount on our total seed order. I'm sure you will agree, it's a big saving and well worth having, especially in these current difficult times. In order to receive this 50% discount, the total order value for seeds needs to be £200 or more. We managed this easily last year with orders totalling just over £700 on only 15 orders!! (NOTE – 50% discount only available on seed orders, excludes seed potatoes, onion sets, ancillary items etc.). With this discount, why not try something new for next year's growing season.

If you would like to take advantage of this great offer and for more information, please contact me. I have a small supply of brochures, or you can browse online then contact me – 01473 827805, 07487 816966 or email nablyth1@gmail.com. Orders need to be in by 10th November.

I look forward to hearing from you. **Natalie Blyth.**

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

A message from the new Rector:

Dear Friends,

My wife Angela and I have now been living in Elmsett only a couple of weeks but we feel very much "at home" here. I am very much looking forward to getting to know as many people as possible in Kersey. So that you can get to know me, here are a few lines about me and my family.

I answer to either Geoff or Geoffrey (the latter usually when being told off).

I grew up in Streatham, South London, the 5th generation to have lived in the Streatham area. I left school and took an apprenticeship with a firm of stonemasons working at Westminster Abbey. At the Abbey I ended up working in the drawing office producing full size drawings of parts of the building. In addition, I worked on a number of other London landmark buildings including Parliament itself.

In 1989 I was 'volunteered' to work in the Church in Uruguay, originally intending to stay for six months, but in the end, I spent 12 years there. Whilst in Uruguay I was offered the opportunity to do theological training in Montevideo and was ordained as a deacon in the Anglican Cathedral in Montevideo in 1994 and a priest in 1996.

I spent the last few years in the north of Uruguay where I had a number of churches to look after. One of these was in Fray Bentos, home of the Corned Beef factory. The factory is still there and is now a museum. You can still see the ramp where the cattle went in and the loading bay at the other end where the tins of corned beef were dispatched for shipping.

I came back to the UK in 2001 to work as vicar to seven parishes on the Wilford Peninsula. In 2007 I moved to Holbrook where I had five parishes, and then moved to take on a group of parishes in the Cotswolds.

My wife, Angela has worked as a teaching assistant in early years for nearly 10 years now. Both Angela and I have ties with Suffolk: My own family has had connections with Suffolk since the 1970's in the Woodbridge area, with my parents moving to Woodbridge for their retirement. Angela has family coming from Charsfield and Boyton. We have 2 children (they are my step children) Charles 24, and Nicola 22. Charles lives in South London and is doing PhD research into something called "Linea Temporal Logic" – something to do with computer science. Nicola lives most of the time in Bulgaria where she works for a charity that rescues street dogs and cats and finds them new homes in the UK.

I hope you will find me open and friendly and happy to make time to be with people regardless if you want to talk about religion, the ups and downs of ITFC or just the weather.

Revd. Geoffrey Clement

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

3rd Sep 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Liz Law
10th Sep 11am	Parish service	Jim Sephton
17th Sep 6.30pm	Evensong service with HC	Rev Adrian Waller
24th Sep	No service at Kersey. Aldham 11am	

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

If you would like the church floodlit to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or in remembrance etc. the cost is £10 per night. Contact **Rachel Wells** 01473 822230.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	July	August
1st Prize –	Neil Hutton	Bruce Newbigging
2nd Prize –	Pascoe Gibbons	Sarah Partridge
3rd Prize –	Ray & Sue Attridge	Trevor Stirling

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 **Mark Pertwee** on **07919 166782** or email fosmkersey@gmail.com.

Kersey Community Website

Remember to check www.kersey.suffolk.cloud regularly for latest news, information and updates.

KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

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

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

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WEATHER – for June

Rainfall 16.3mm (0.64")
Maximum temperature 30°C (86°F)
Minimum temperature 11°C (52°F)

– for July

Rainfall 60.8mm (2.4")
Maximum temperature 29°C (84°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.*



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FARMING NOTES

Much has taken place since I last wrote. We began harvest 2023 on 10 July and had completed the winter barley by 21 July after a couple of stops for rain. The barley yield was pleasingly good after such a dry period in May and June, but the all-important quality for malting was a little disappointing. What let us down this year was screenings and kernel size. The malting specification sets out the following criteria: Nitrogen content 1.75% max, moisture 14.5% max. Ours was within these tolerances. Screenings (thin grain) 2% max, here we dressed the grain hard in the combine but were still outside this spec, ours was up to 7% screenings. Retention 85% min, this is a guide to the kernel size and measures the % of grain retained on a 2.5mm sieve and we were running between 70 and 85% retention. All of the aforementioned means that although our winter barley was accepted for malting there would be some serious reductions from the contracted price. Irritating, but not too serious until you realise that this years contract price was £135 down on last year's, when there were no reductions at all! Suddenly you can see that on 650 tons of produce this becomes quite worrying. However, as all of the above is totally dictated by the vagaries of our weather we don't lose too much sleep as we know there was nothing more we could have done to improve the situation!

Brother Chris busied himself moving the 1200 big round bales of winter barley straw to its winter storage sheds to make way for drilling oil seed rape (OSR), while we began the spring barley harvest on 1 August and finished it within a couple of days. Here the yield was not great but the quality was all within spec. and it was sold and delivered straight away. It was good to see Jimmy come out of retirement to spend a couple of days baling the spring barley straw into two thousand small bales, the carting and hand stacking of which further added to Chris and Sarah's workload!

The wheat harvest began in earnest on 8 August and we were extra busy for the next 8 days with Ryan and Adam working late into the night to take advantage of the fine weather until we finished by the end of play on 16 August. Well done them! This just left the winter beans, which were finally ready to cut on 21 August, after which the harvest was finally finished – not a bad run and, dare I say it, no breakdowns! Between times we had sent all of the winter barley away in lorries to the maltsters near Chelmsford and 319 tons (11 lorry loads) of wheat to Camgrain at Linton near Cambridge. The remaining 500 tonnes of wheat is stored in our grain store for sale later in the year. In between all that we managed to sow 150 acres of OSR in early August, which has germinated and grown extremely well, notwithstanding attacks from slugs and flea beetles.

The wheat yields were quite good and the quality is satisfactory, but not perfect. The specification for bread making wheat (milling wheat) is 13% protein and this year ours is hovering around the 12.5% mark, so we will achieve most of the premium on offer for milling. This now takes us to the busiest period when we have to cultivate all the remaining ground in preparation for sowing for harvest 2024 and we will have gone full circle once again!

Rob Partridge

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PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the 3rd July. Chair: John Hume. All other councillors were present plus clerk, Leigh Jamieson (BDC) and a member of the public for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Robert Lindsay (SCC) and one member of the public.

Co-option to fill vacancy on the council. An expression of interest had been received by one applicant. Reasons for wanting to become a councillor were given. Liz Bostock was then co-opted to the Parish Council.

Reports:

Robert Lindsay Suffolk County Councillor said he had asked highways when the verges would be cut and to make sure they cut the 'No through roads'. If cutting is delayed he wanted to ensure that the contractors were not paid for verges if they had been done by farmers. He gave an update on the speed limits in Stone Street and Union Hill, library funding, coping with growing water demand, potholes and Bildeston food bank.

Leigh Jamieson Babergh District Councillor spoke about the council's overview and scrutiny work plan, planning, administration update and Babergh and Mid Suffolk plans to install 28 new electric vehicle charging points in car parks this year. Magdalen Road in Hadleigh will be one of those to benefit.

Receive feedback from the recent Bell Inn beer festival. The chair started by thanking the new directors of The Bell for reviving the pub, which has brought life back to the village. The feedback from residents had been mainly positive regarding the beer festival. It had been a great family event. The only concern related to parking congestion. A director of the Bell was present and said they were pleased how the event had gone and had learnt lessons for future events. They were pleased with the support given by the local community.

Planning: The Bell Inn. Works to fell Group of conifers. The Bell director said they had not submitted the application. It seems ownership of the trees is unclear. The parish council agreed they could not comment on the application but would consider it at a later date if resubmitted with the correct information.

Minutes of previous meeting was confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerk's report: All reports and accounts have been published on the website and notice board as required. Confirmation has been received via our District Councillor that all the new residential dwellings built in Kersey in the last few years were exempt from CIL charging. The defibrillator is ready should it be needed. Verge cutting is overdue. Our County Councillor has been asked to find out when they will be cut and to remind highways to cut the verges on the 'No through roads'.

Correspondence:

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

The cycling Tour of Britain will pass along the A1141 near Kersey Mill on 7 September. Also noted was National Grid Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement project has now moved to next stage. National Grid has launched a new consultation on proposed route of pylons for Norwich to Tilbury and Digital Champions. Communities Together East Anglia offer a Digital workshop project to improve digital skills access.

PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

Finance:

All financial items had been circulated and approved. The council were grateful to the Lewis Mowles Trust who had paid for the new seat on Church Walk and given £1,000 to the KCPC working group.

Planning - Progress:

Land to rear of 1-6 The Street. Councillors did not wish to comment further on these updated plans.

Boutells. Tree works. Babergh had no objections.

Corner House. Reconstruction of chimney stack. Babergh granted permission.

Bridge House. Increase the footprint of proposed extension and alterations to garage window. Erection of one and half storey link extension and garage conversion, reinstatement of a staircase and demolition of internal wall. Babergh had granted permission.

Applications to consider. River House. Rebuild central chimney stack. Councillors fully supported this.

Outbuilding at Curtis Farm. Remedial works in respect of oil contamination of the soil and building fabric caused by damaged oil tank. Councillors fully support this application.

Footpath Working Group:

No issues had been reported regarding the footpaths . The new equipment has been purchased and is working well.

KCPC Working Group:

The mowing rota is working well. The quarterly inspection found a few minor defects, these have been rectified. It is planned to top up the rubber chips under the swings.

Replacement gate for The Glebe. The gate and gateposts at the playing field need replacing.

Replacement of historic street signs on Church Hill. Two signs have been purchased.

Installation of second defibrillator to cover outlying hamlets of Kersey.

Three donations have been offered towards this. It was agreed to try to get the defibrillator purchased by September.

Review of Parish Council Asset Register: The assets have all been inspected, some need small repairs done. All timber assets need to be treated with a clear preservative then teak oil.

Parish Review:

No progress at present.

Consider the evolution of the Covid-19 support group into a general community support group. All the volunteers had been contacted and the general agreement was that a permanent emergency support group was a good idea. The idea of combining this with a Community Digital Champion who would have training and knowledge to support residents who are not confident users to get online safely could also be considered. A meeting would be held later in the year.

PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

Agree content for Pride in our Parish article: It was agreed to write an article thanking our volunteers for their support during the pandemic. The organisation spotlight will be the Forget me nots.

Training: Sessions are available for all new councillors.

Reports: Notes have been circulated from the SALC Babergh meeting.

AOB: Following the repair of the water leak In Kedges lane the road surface has not been satisfactorily repaired. Concern was raised about dirty water flooding across the road at The Forge which may be causing a health hazard. Issue to be investigated.

It was noted that the welcome letter for new residents does not require any updates. The Suffolk passenger interest group involved with trying to improve public transport provision is likely to fold. The school bus service is a registered service so could be used by members of the public.

Kersey Projects were congratulated on an excellent Open Gardens event.

Next meeting 4th September.

Full report can be found on the website.

An extra ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on 31 July.

Present were Chair John Hume, 5 councillors, clerk and one member of the public.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Planning - Progress: Application had been withdrawn for works to fell group of conifer at The Bell. Babergh have discharged conditions for land to the rear of 1-6 The Street. Babergh have granted permission to rebuild chimney stack at River house.

Planning to be considered: Agricultural building, Water Lane. Proposal was to determine if prior approval is required for a change of use of agricultural buildings to dwelling house. Change of use to a two bedroom dwelling. The applicant outlined their plans to convert former agricultural building to dwelling. Councillors supported this application. If it is approved by Babergh the parish council would like a condition imposed that it is used as a permanent dwelling and not a holiday home.

AOB: The parish council have been asked to provide supporting information for a 40mph speed limit on the A1141. The poor state of road surface in Kedges lane has been marked for repair. A councillor had attended a Babergh Community Infrastructure Levy briefing. One councillor had attended a National grid consultation of the proposed pylons. The chair thanked the councillor who had fitted the replacement road signs. Concerns were raised about the number of vehicles near River House. Works are coming to an end so this issue should soon be resolved. Some refuse bins hadn't been collected. No meeting had been arranged as yet to discuss seating and lighting at front of The Bell. Concern was raised about lack of verge cutting.

Next meeting 4th Sept.

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DIARY DATES

4 Sep – Parish Council	Village Hall	19.30
5 Sep – Tuesday club.....	Village Hall	19.30
9 Sep – Flower Show.....	Village Hall	14.15 – 17.00
13 Sep – PCC	St Mary’s Church.....	19.00
26 Sep – Licensing service	St Mary’s Church.....	19.30

PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

Thank you to our Covid-19 Community Support volunteers.

This month we would like to give a big ‘Thank You’ to all the volunteers of the Covid-19 community support group. At the very start of the pandemic the Parish Council put together a list of volunteers who offered their support to parishioners who might need help while they were isolating or shielding due to Covid. A list of volunteers and telephone numbers was hand delivered to all residents in the Parish. The support provided by the volunteers proved to be invaluable to many residents during an uncertain and difficult time. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make life a little easier for residents during the pandemic.

The Parish Council is now keen to continue this good network of support for the community by having a permanent emergency/crisis support group who Kersey residents could call on in a time of need. A thank you coffee morning for all volunteers and anyone interested in joining the new group will be held on Saturday 23 September at 11am at The Bell.

John Hume
Chair, Kersey Parish Council

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