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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 Wedding Clerk – Jenny Cox 01473 652466.

## SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

8th October Janet Covell and Rachael Rogers.

22nd October Susannah Marsh and Sue Jones.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Our Harvest Service is on 7th October. I would be grateful if you could all arrange flowers in your designated place. See rota on notice board. All non perishable items donated will be given to the food bank.

## INVALIDS

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

## TOWER AND THE CLOCK

The stonemasons have been on site for a month and the outside work has progressed well. Some of the cracks in the buttresses were huge but nothing unexpected and this work should come to an end in a few weeks. Linda and I braved the scaffolding and when you get close up the enormity of the Tower structure leaves you in wonder of the skill and effort required to build it all those years ago... The view is something special too!

Of course when you start to do major work a whole host of other opportunities present themselves. First we have agreed to prepare and decorate the tower wall pattern plates and install stainless steel cramps to the buttress and repair some internal wall plasterwork as well as some minor glazing repairs to the Tower window.

Then there are the two clock faces which are badly weathered. Getting to the faces to do repair work is the problem therefore we have taken the opportunity to adjust the tower scaffolding to provide easy access. Both clock faces will be

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

painted and after a few colour tests we have opted for royal blue with gold for the hands and numbers. We are using high quality materials which will last for a long time. The PCC are delighted to advise that we received a very generous donation from a resident to cover the costs of the clock maintenance.

The total repair costs plus architect and structural engineer fees will be in the region of £50,000 net of VAT which will have to be paid and recovered. To date we have collectively raised £26,338. We have a further assured grant of £10,000 and hope to receive additional grants of £4,000+. Hopefully we will raise a little more and any outstanding balance will be met from reserves.

**Colin Grannell**

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 10th September.

Present were Chairman, three councillors, clerk, Babergh district councillor and seven members of the public.

Apologies received from two councillors, county councillor would be attending later.

Co-option to fill vacancy on the council. Two parishioners had put their names forward. No decision was made. An extra meeting to be held when all councillors could be in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

### **Report from Babergh councillor Alan Ferguson:**

Although he has been proposed to represent our ward in next years election it still has to be confirmed at a selection meeting on the 24th September.

Private sector housing - Babergh has a 6½ years supply of land. Proposal for houses and flats at the Corks Lane site will go before the planning committee in October. Proposal to demolish former Angel Court and build 21 two bedroom flats has been agreed.

### **Clerk's report:**

No action was needed at the present time to the road surface at The Splash. The owner of the trees on Cherry Hill had been contacted. Some verges had at last been cut. The clerk was frustrated at not being able to speak to anyone in person at the County Council. Councillor Robert Lindsay does what he can to help.

# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES (cont.)

## **Finance:**

All financial matters were discussed. Date for the internal audit was set for 10th October.

## **Planning:**

Babergh council had granted permission for alterations at Row Cottages.

## **KCPC:**

A quiz night is being held on the 9th November. ROSPA inspection of the playground is planned to take place this month. Maintenance day is set for the 10th November.

## **Footpaths:**

All were walkable with no known problems. Grit bin service was discussed. Data Protection policies were reviewed and adopted. These are available to view on the web site.

## **Training:**

A councillor had attended a training session.

## **AOB:**

The owner of Cherry Hill Cottage to be contacted about the bad state of the grounds. The drains on Cherry Hill needed clearing. A councillor has offered to do this.

Next meeting 19th November.

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## DIARY DATES

1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	Extraordinary PC meeting	Village Hall	6.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	Tuesday Club	Village Hall	7.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Nightingale Tenants' meeting	Village Hall	2.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Harvest Festival	St. Mary's Church	4.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	VH Autumn Buffet	Village Hall	8.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	Half term		
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Tuesday Club	Village Hall	7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	KCPC Quiz	Village Hall	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	KCPC maintenance day		
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Remembrance Service	St. Mary's Church	10.45am
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm

# VILLAGE NEWS

## KERSEY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Save The Date – Saturday 1st December 2018**

We are again hosting a festive evening in the Village Hall for all Kersey residents and friends on 1st December. Tickets £15 a head to include ‘welcome’ glass of fizz, live entertainment by **“Dan Sharp Sings”** and the extra special attraction of **“The Two Sozzled Chefs”** cooking the main dish for us!

Please book early as numbers are limited. We will not have a bar this year, so please bring your own drinks.



Advance tickets from:

Natalie Blyth 07487 816 966, natalie.blyth1@btinternet.com, or  
Sarah Marsh 07748 436 904, sarah@lythgo.me.uk

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## TUESDAY CLUB

At the September meeting the club was joined by Colin Westren from Ipswich who is a volunteer at TWAM which was the theme of his illustrated talk for the evening. He spoke about how Tools with a Mission began and about collecting unwanted tools for refurbishment then making them up into kits. Also about how the containers are loaded with tools, sewing machines, computers etc. then shipped out to Africa and other parts of the world where things are needed. Volunteers are always needed to help sort everything from buttons and cottons to make into sewing kits to carpentry and plumbing kits. This is such a worthwhile enterprise as everyone is so grateful for the items they receive.

Competition for “An item that could be donated to TWAM“ was won by Ian Hattrick.

Next meeting is on 2nd October when Frances Moore from Lindsey will be talking about “Nursing in the Middle East”. Village hall 7.30pm. Refreshments. All for £1. Competition is for “A get well card”.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Ed and Helen Lowe of Vale Cottage on the birth of a son Henry, brother for Rose.

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## WELCOME

To Clive Whatley who has moved to 2 Hollies Cottage, Wicker Street Green

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## ALLOTMENTS

There are 2 x ½ allotments available. Contact Natalie for information.  
Phone 01473 827805 or email natalie.blyth1@btinternet.com

# VILLAGE NEWS (cont.)

## FLOWER SHOW

The Village Produce Association held its 54th Flower and Vegetable Show on the 8th September. Entries were down on last year but not as much as expected as the cooler wetter weather saved some of the flowers and vegetables. There was keen competition in the cookery classes with thirteen entries in the Fruit Cake class. In the adult classes there were 323 entries from 35 entrants.

Main prize winners were General Sir Gordon Finlayson Challenge Cup for most points in vegetable and fruit classes, won by Kate Banks. Tom Evans Memorial Cup for runner up in vegetable and fruit classes, won by Natalie Blyth. Shield for allotment holder with the best exhibit of a vegetable trug, won by Colin and Jenny Leeks. Lewis Mowles shield for best exhibit in vegetable classes, won by Rachel Wells for pickling shallots. Challenge Cup for highest points in household classes won by Norah Orriss. Wooden spoon for Men's Cookery class won by Jonathan Marsh. Challenge Cup for highest points in handwork classes, joint winners Susannah Marsh and Rachel Wells. Rose Bowl for the highest points in flower classes won by Natalie Blyth. Prize for child 6 years & under, joint winners Harry Denham and un-named. Prize for child 7-10 years, Matilda Chew. Prize for child 11-16 years, Phoebe Chew. Challenge Cup for overall winner in the children's classes, won by Phoebe Chew. Cup for best exhibit in children's classes, won by Phoebe Chew for a photograph.

Winner of the prize for Best Exhibit in Floral Art was Rachel Wells for exhibit of 2018 event. Winner of the prize for photography classes was Ruth Anderson. Prize for heaviest yield of potatoes grown from one tuber, Kate Banks. Bowling: Adult - Rachel Wells, Child - Bunny Crompton Battersby. Bean bags: Adult - Jenny Leeks, Child - Bunny Crompton Battersby. Find the treasure competition - Barbara Jones. The prizes were presented by Rev. Jackson Crompton Battersby.

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## VILLAGE HALL

The annual Autumn Buffet in aid of Village Hall funds this year is on Saturday 20th October, 8pm-10pm. It only costs £12.50 for food and drinks all evening. There will also be a raffle and table quiz (if you feel like quizzing), with some lovely prizes. Tickets can be obtained from Norah Orriss 01473 827513 or Veronica Partridge 01473 823188 or other committee members.

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## KERSEY TYE'S 4th ANNUAL BARBECUE

The residents of Kersey Tye enjoyed a truly memorable and sunny day in early September, for their 4th annual barbecue. It was terrific to see all The Tye turn out in force to spend the afternoon together, enjoy a shared lunch and catch up. The Partridge siblings, Josie and David, won the annual Strawberry Shoelace challenge, though Kim Daniels very nearly clinched it! A special mention must be given to Terry Kilfeather for producing the most delicious sausage rolls, still warm from the oven, all of which disappeared in 20 minutes.

Huge thanks to Jessie Carter and Pat Partridge for all their organising of the afternoon, and especially to Pat for all his cooking on the day; also to Yasmin Youell and Luke Whitwell for hosting and keeping the party going late into the night.

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## DOG FOULING

It has recently come to the attention of the Parish Council that there has been a significant increase in dog fouling on the footpaths around Kersey. This has brought about an increase in the number of complaints from the general public and requests for the Parish Council to take action to try to eradicate this problem.

The Footpath Committee has therefore been asked to consider options. One possibility is to increase the number of “dog bins” available for walkers to dispose of dog litter. At present there is only one dedicated bin, located adjacent to the allotments. The question arises “If the PC were able to fund the provision of additional bins, where would be the best place to site them?” If you have an opinion, or any other ideas, on this please contact either Kevin Pratt or Giles Hollingworth with your views.

Please send your responses to  
Kevin at [kevin.r.pratt@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.r.pratt@gmail.com) or  
Giles on [giles.hollingworth@gmail.com](mailto:giles.hollingworth@gmail.com).

As always, walkers are requested to keep to the paths, keep dogs under control and to clear up after them.

Thank you.



## AUGUST WEATHER

Rainfall this August was 81mm (3¼” approx.). August 2017 was 80mm.

Highest temperature 30°C (86°F approx.).

Minimum temperature 8°C (46°F approx.).

# ST MARY'S CHURCH

## Harvest?

Anyone know why schools have such enormously long summer holidays?

I asked a very clever person and they told me it's because in the olden days – that is before 1960 apparently – the children had to help work the fields to gather in the harvest, so an early September return to school made sense.

Now harvest happens at different times of year and if you ask some children where bread comes from they'll say Morrisons – or Ocado more likely.

It's not that we've lost the connection with the land, I mean we live and get educated in a village surrounded by hard working fields and hard working farmers.

I mean it's just that so few of us are actually physically engaged in the process. Just as well because I have an allergy to three things – cats, running and physical effort – I would be as much use in a harvest as a one wheeled tractor. Let's be honest, how many of us have the grit and determination to get up at 4am every day to milk a cow? OK, I hear you, you all do, it's just that I don't.

But I get that someone does, I get the sacrifice they make to ensure that the farm is still there and still feeding us not just next year but also in 10 years and 20 years time.

So when we thank God for the harvest, we also thank God for those who bring it in, we thank God that His long view of ecology is shared by many farmers, in a world where “long term” is a six week plan, we who live in the countryside thank God that he had a long term plan when he made the earth. It's extraordinary isn't it that this earth is capable of feeding 7.5 billion people. Is capable if we give up on some of the destructive practices like our addiction to palm oil, but hey, that's another story.

Meanwhile the harvest is in, there will be food on the shelves and none of it is done by magic; it's a mixture of God's creativity in making the world and His people's efforts to cultivate and nourish it.

See you on the 7th October at 4pm in Church, where we'll thank Him, and them, properly.

**Rev'd Jackson Crompton-Battersby** - or “Rev JCB” (how appropriate).

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

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<b>Sunday</b> 30th Sept.	<i>18th after Trinity</i> 10.30am	DEANERY SERVICE AT HINTLESHAM
<b>Tuesday</b> 2nd Oct.	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 7th Oct.	<i>19th after Trinity</i> 4.00pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL with Tea Rev. Jackson
<b>Tuesday</b> 9th Oct.	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 14 Oct.	<i>20th after Trinity</i> 11.00am	Holy Communion Rev. Jackson
<b>Tuesday</b> 16 Oct.	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 21 Oct.	<i>21st after Trinity</i> 11.00am	Cafe Church
<b>Tuesday</b> 23 Oct.	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 28 Oct.	<i>Last after Trinity</i> 11.00am	Morning Prayer Mrs. Julie Boast
<b>Tuesday</b> 30 Oct.	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 4 Nov.	<i>4th before Lent</i> 9.00am	Holy Communion Rev. Jackson

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Rev. Jackson will lead the Tuesday morning services in term time.

# Harvest Party

at

## KERSEY CHURCH

We invite all friends from the village and beyond to join with us in our **Harvest Festival** celebrations.

We are holding a service of praise and thanksgiving to be taken by Revd. Jackson Crompton-Battersby

**On Sunday 7th October at 4.00pm in church** to be followed by **Harvest Tea.**

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# NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

## **Squirrels (Reception):**

Squirrels class have really enjoyed their first month in Kersey School. The children have begun to get used to the rules and routines set in the school, and have really enjoyed the amount of fun activities they have been able to do, both inside and outside of the classroom.

## **Hedgehogs (Years 1 and 2):**

In Hedgehogs we have been learning about “Food” for our topic, where it comes from and how to eat healthily. We have also enjoyed looking at artwork by Arcimboldo and we will be trying to create our own fruit masterpiece!

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

We are having great fun in Badgers class learning about our topic the Tudors. We have linked lots of our learning through this topic by looking at different Tudor artists, Tudor music and in October we are having our very own Tudor day! We have lots of fun sporting events taking place in the coming weeks as well. The children are excited to be taking part in a cross country event, which is the first time some of Badgers will have completed this! William Shakespeare has been our topic in Literacy, with Romeo and Juliet being our focus text.

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

Owls class have already been busy, starting their topic about Ancient Greece. We had a ‘Groovy Greek’ visitor who came in and shared lots of information about myths, legends and famous battles. Everyone got involved in the fun! We have also tasted Greek food and baked a Greek cake, which most of us enjoyed. Hadleigh High hosted a dodgeball tournament which we attended, and we came 3rd! We are looking forward to the rest of the term.

*If you would like to know more about Kersey school or would like to arrange a visit please ring the office on 01473 823397, email: [admin@kersey.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kersey.suffolk.sch.uk) or visit our website: [www.kersey.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.kersey.suffolk.sch.uk)*

## **Kersey School - Early Christmas Craft Fair**

Come and get ahead with your Christmas gift shopping!

Join us for our Early Christmas Gift Fair at Kersey Church, Cherry Hill, Kersey, on  
**Wednesday 31st October, 9:00-3:30pm.**

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If you would like to have a stall at the event please contact:

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# FARMING NOTES October 2018

## **Arable:**

All ploughing for the new crop (harvest 19) has been completed and cultivations have begun. The new oilseed rape crop has been established although we have areas of damage from flea beetles that we struggle to control with our depleted chemical armoury. 300 tons of sugar beet factory lime has been spread and ploughed in to correct the pH level of the soil back to 7 - the optimum level of acidity. This is a by-product of the process of extracting sugar from the beet crop.

800 tons of farmyard manure, from the cattle and sheep, has also been spread and ploughed in, as well as needing to clear our muck hill for next winter, this has a nutrient and organic matter benefit to our fields. We aim to plough the FYM in as soon as possible, partly to avoid the loss of nutrients to the air and partly to reduce any unpleasant smell. Autumn cereal sowing will begin at the end of September and should be completed by the middle of October.

## **Livestock:**

The July and August rain has been very welcome indeed, as you will have noticed with your lawns in the space of a few weeks the grass has turned from looking dead, to a lush green pasture. We applied nitrogen fertiliser which alongside the rain has helped promote the growth of lots of autumn grass which is being enjoyed by the cows and their fast growing calves. The bulls have been removed from the groups of breeding cows and housed. We are hopeful that most of the cows are in calf, if we left the bulls in for longer the naughty boys would impregnate their 6 month old daughters which can be a serious welfare issue!

The stubble turnips growing on the two arable fields near the Kersey play area are coming on well and will make excellent autumn and winter keep for some of the sheep.

An addition of two Blue Texel sheep was made to compliment the Suffolk flock last year and we plan to flush the two Blue Texel ewes for embryos soon. ET in sheep works on the same principles as it does in cattle and if successful will result in a faster expansion of the Blue flock than would be possible through natural breeding. Blue Texels are a smaller breed than Suffolks and consequently slower growing, but what they lack in growth rate is made up for by a superior carcass. Blue Texel lambs are born easily and are very active, finding the teat quickly after birth, so we hope that some of our ram customers in the future will buy some Suffolk rams and some Blue Texels.

During the summer with help from Pete we have done a lot of running repairs to the livestock buildings on the farm: several rotting posts and broken walls have been replaced as well as a dilapidated roof, and some broken concrete track has been improved. All of these investments will make the working of the livestock part of the farm better during the winter.

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***Many thanks to Emma Baker who has now stood down from editorship duties to return to her university studies.***

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