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August/September 2019



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# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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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:

- 19th August – Louise Gibbons and Rachel Wells
- 2nd September – Lynn and John English
- 16th September – Suzie Rudkin and Philippa Harris
- 30th September – Janet Covell and Rachael Rogers

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## REV DREW

We were looking forward to Rev Gerald Drew coming this month to take our communion service. Unfortunately he has been unwell and wasn't able to come. We wish him all the best and hope he continues to improve and able to join us in September.

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## PCC MEETING

The Parochial Church Council met in church on the 17th July. New safeguarding policy was adopted. Services and shrine. Ideas have been put forward to create a parish service, it is hoped to put a worship team together. The PCC approved the fabrication of the shrine dish. Benefice administrator is settling in well. Maintenance folder is up to date. The clock and organ have both been serviced. Tower work has had final inspection.

**Fund raising:** 11-13th October – Church Harvest Flower Festival.

16th November – Jazz and Jackets Village Hall.

7th December – Christmas Buffet Supper.

Financial report was shown and discussed. One contactless device is in use. School pupils are making good progress in all areas. Six children helped to make pots with "The potter in residence". Confidence Cafe to be trialled in church with soup and roll on offer.

Next meeting 18th September.

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## UPDATE

Maintenance work at the church continues. The west door and rood screen door renovation will be completed shortly and the boiler boxed in with an oak facade. Quotes have been received to provide disabled access through the west door and screen.

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## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The next job is to lime wash the lower bell tower walls and clean and lime wash the north porch. This is planned for 29th August at 9am. Anyone able to help will be warmly welcomed, refreshments will be provided. Please bring a paint brush.

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## SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to family and friends of Michael Beer (known as Percy) of Oaks Tye who sadly passed away at the end of June.

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## INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those who have been attending hospital or the doctors for various things and those who have recently had operations.

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## RINGERS

Ringers from Shenfield will be ringing the bells on 14th September from 2.30-3.30. Ringers to be ringing the bells on 24th September 11.30-12.30. Members of the South West District of the Suffolk Guild will be ringing the bells on 28th September 7.30-9.00.

On 4th July ringers from St. James Guild rang a peal of *Keddington Delight Major* on 28th July for Evensong and also in thanksgiving for the life of David Jessop. A quarter peal of *Plain Bob Minor* was completed by our own ringers. **Derek Rose, Pauline Brown, Kathleen D Banks, Kevin Ward, Neville Whittell (C) and Robert Howe.**

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## CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Many people are using contactless cards to make low value payments rather than cash nowadays. The PCC are pleased to announce that a contactless reader has been installed in the Church which accepts donations from £3 to £30.

Everybody is welcome to try it out!

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# PARISH NEWS

## HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

*Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October 2019*

Preparations are well underway for this floral celebration of harvest when visitors are welcome to not only marvel at the flowers but also to enjoy coffee, lunch or tea in the church on the Saturday and Sunday.

For all residents of Kersey Parish, the church will be open during the evening of Friday 11th so **DO** come and join us, not only to enjoy the flowers but also to enjoy a free glass of wine and nibbles!

**We are also asking for your help** – We are looking for donations of cakes, vegetables (for display) and much ‘greenery’. If you think you can help, please be kind enough to email: **kerseyprojects@gmail.com** and we will be happy to collect much nearer the time.

*Thank you!*

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## TUESDAY CLUB

At our July meeting we welcomed **Lynne Mortimer** from Ipswich. When Lynne was booked for this meeting little did we envisage this would be on her last day working as a journalist for the East Anglian Daily Times. Lynne’s talk was titled **“Life and Laughs of a Local Journalist”** and she certainly made us laugh with her amusing chat about her life, work and family. Although no one at the club had met Lynne before you instantly felt you knew her after following her and the family through the years in her weekly column. Competition for “Something beginning with L” was won by Molly Robinson.

This month it was good to welcome back **Chris Parfitt** from Rendlesham whose theme for the evening was **“Ethiopia an Antique Land”**. Chris has travelled to so many places, Ethiopia being a more recent holiday. He visited in the month of October which was the end of the rainy season so most of the land was lush green not how we imagine it to be. His pictures included churches which were carved out of the rocks with colourful paintings inside. To get inside they had to negotiate tunnels and steps as they were all many feet below ground.

For a time he stayed in a hotel on the edge of Lake Tana (this is the source of the Blue Nile) from here he could watch local fishermen in their traditionally made boats fishing on the lake. He ate the local food which consisted of a large flat bread topped with meat and vegetables. These were shared by groups of people and eaten with the fingers although utensils were provided. Coffee made from local beans was also sampled. He travelled from the lowlands to the mountains and although a lot of the roads were tarmac many of the paths were muddy and stony and not very easy for walking.

## 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 **by the 31st August**, for consideration at our September meeting.

Applicants must be residents of Kersey and may be either pupils attending years 12 and 13 of school, students at college or university, or mature students enlisted in re-training, or further training courses.

Applications should be addressed to:

***philippaharris@hotmail.co.uk***

and should include the applicant's name, address, and the name of the course he or she is attending.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*We have received very few applications so far this year. If you have made an application, but have not received an acknowledgement, please will you send a new email to **philippaharris@hotmail.co.uk***

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## PARISH NEWS (cont.)

He visited the Blue Nile gorge and falls which were spectacular. To help to combat climate change they have a tree planting scheme where they are planning to plant thousands of trees. He visited markets which were very colourful, the locals sell their products here including spices, jewellery, textiles, vegetables and fruits. There are over eighty different languages spoken although there is one national language. English is now taught in the schools. He said how the country is known for its long distance runners many names familiar to us through the Olympic Games. We saw pictures of the wildlife including pelicans, ibis, Marabou storks, gelada baboons, wart hogs, nyala and a rare Ethiopian wolf. To end the meeting he had brought along some textiles, jewellery and other traditional hand made crafts which were passed round.

We have been joined at the club by Chris many times and this talk was one of the best. It was encouraging to have non members join us for the meeting, we even had two guests from Australia. Competition for “A flower” was won by Jill Stiff.

On 3rd September we welcome **Jason Salisbury** from Creting St Mary who is coming along to talk about his “**Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses**”. Members will be able to taste and purchase the cheese. Anyone is welcome to come along. Village Hall 7.30pm. Only £1 includes refreshments. Competition is “Something Striped”.

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### VPA OUTING

On 6th July a coach party travelled from Kersey to visit RHS Wisley in Surrey. The weather was perfect for walking around the acres of gardens or just relaxing and enjoying it all. From the beautiful herbaceous borders to the scented rose gardens, alpines, vegetable and fruit or water features, so much to see. In the glasshouse there were bananas, enormous cacti and other exotic plants, in here there was also a colourful display of fuchsias. All around the gardens were modern sculptures including some by Henry Moore. It was a pity the coach wasn't full this year. Whether you have been many times before there is always something different to see. Only opened last month was a new cafe, shop and huge plant centre. Many of us returned home with a selection of plants.

The trip was organised by the Village Produce Association.

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### ARE YOU A GROWER, BAKER OR MAKER

Only three weeks left before the VPA show on the 7th September! Recipes are available now. I can email them to you or I have paper copies. If you have any small item suitable for the tombola (needed by Wednesday 4th please), or if you could donate a cake which can be sold for the refreshments, I would be most grateful.

*Thanks, Rachel*

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# PARISH NEWS (cont.)

## AUTUMN BUFFET

A reminder that this year the Village Hall Autumn buffet is on 19th October.

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## QUIZ NIGHT

Save the date! The highlight of the Kersey calendar, the KCPC Quiz night will be on Friday 1st November at the Village Hall. More details to come soon.

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## ALLOTMENTS

All allotments are now let which is good news. If you would like your name put on a waiting list if one becomes available contact Natalie Blyth on 01473 827805 or email [natalie.blyth1@btinternet.com](mailto:natalie.blyth1@btinternet.com).

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## KERSEY ART GROUP – *Want to improve your sketching and/or painting?*

Then come and try out Kersey Art Group, which meets every Thursday in Kersey Village Hall between 10 am 12 noon. It's an informal group for keen amateurs of all levels, led by a local artist and qualified art teacher, who attends for the first hour to give guidance and instruction.

There is no enrolment fee, just £5 per week, payable on attendance. Open to everyone, not just Kersey residents. So whether watercolours, acrylics, pastels, charcoal or graphite be your medium, come and give it a go.

We look forward to seeing you. The Autumn term starts on 12th September.

*Regards, David Griffiths.*

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## OUR FOOTPATHS – THE EARLY YEARS

*Following on from last month's piece –*

In the 1980s all the parish councils in Suffolk were instructed to rationalise the network of footpaths in order to make a Definitive Map of Rights of Way. These had originally been created over a period of time, mainly as a way of walking to work, when farming was labour intensive and few people had cars, but they were nonetheless sanctioned by law.

Many of the footpaths had fallen into disuse, but their occasional use could be a cause of annoyance to landowners, as crops, livestock and walkers don't necessarily go together. Kersey Parish Council under the chairmanship of **Paul Ryde** and a group volunteers set about walking the paths to establish which ones should be retained and to create the present circular walks. **Marianne Lash** was appointed Footpath Warden.

Her dedicated work over many years, and subsequently that of **John Maltby** and the current footpaths team is much appreciated by walkers.

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# PARISH NEWS (cont.)

## SWINGIN' FOR ST. MARY'S

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our first "Swingin' for St. Mary's" jazz night in July. Feedback was amazing and judging by the raucous night and party atmosphere, I think we all enjoyed it very much!



Special mention to **Chris and Sarah** for raising £320 on the raffle, to **Linda,**

**Colin** and **Jo** who were amazing on the bar, to **Jan, Mary** and **Jackie** who waited on and helped out in the kitchen, and a special thank you to my Sozzled Chef partner **Stuart**, who amazingly cooked over 90 creole wraps in just under an hour! Plus the many people who helped clear up afterwards, a tremendous team effort.

We raised the grand total of £1,660 on the night including the bar, so a huge thank you again to all who supported the event and bought tickets, drinks and raffle.

Please save the date for the next jazz event on Saturday 16th November, when the **Nigel Price Trio** come to town! Tickets are on sale now at £25.00. Email [fosmkersey@gmail.com](mailto:fosmkersey@gmail.com) for details.

*Mark Rigby*

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The next issue will cover **October 2019**.

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 30th September 2019 to:

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Aiming for the impossible!

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

## Julie Boast

St Mary's Church Elder, Kersey

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### ***Kersey Community Website***

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 18 Aug	9th after Trinity 11.00am	Songs of Praise (favourite hymns and readings)**
All Tuesdays from 20 Aug to 24 Sept (except 27 Aug)	9.30am Lay led	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 Aug	10th after Trinity 6.30pm	Evensong Rev Janice White
Tuesday 27 Aug	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 1 Sept	11th after Trinity 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Sunday 8 Sept	12th after Trinity 11.00am	CW Holy Communion Rev Jackson
Sunday 15 Sept	13th after Trinity 11.00am	Morning Prayer Rev Gerald Drew
Sunday 22 Sept	14th after Trinity 6.30pm	Evensong Mrs Julie Boast
Sunday 29 Sept	15th after Trinity 10.30am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Aldham Church

\*\* Please let Julie Boast or Ian Hattrick know your favourites before the service. We look forward to seeing you – everyone is welcome.

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The theme this month is consideration of others. Please be mindful and respectful in all that you do especially during the hot summer months when people are relaxing and enjoying the outdoors.

Your Parish Council is pleased to see that the work within the many Parish Groups of Volunteers continue to make improvements in maintaining the outstanding beauty of the Kersey Village and surrounding areas.

The Footpath Group continue to work hard to maintain the paths for walkers around the Parish. A thank you to all those who are making use of the **new dog bins** that have been sited around the parish. If you see any issues with the footpaths or signage on the footpaths, please inform the Chairman of the Footpath Working Group, so that action can be taken.

The Kersey Playground Group are looking to improve the facilities available for all the community to enjoy and it is likely that they will be seeking more volunteers to assist with the upgrading work in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pascoe Gibbons on ***pascoe.gibbons@commerzbank.com*** for more details.

We are always looking at ways in which we may be able to improve the environment and setting within the parish and ask that all residents are respectful of ***speed and parking*** within and around the areas of the Kersey Parish. This is particularly important on the junctions and bends where there is limited visibility. If you see a sign damaged or in need of repair, please either report it to the Suffolk Highways or contact the Parish Council Clerk. Together we can all improve the road safety within the Parish.

Rubbish Bin collection dates have changed  
**Bins are now collected on a Thursday!**

Please remember to return your bins back within your own property boundary after collection. We do not want your bins to become a danger to road users or look unsightly in our parish. – Please put your bin away!

***From Kersey Parish Council***



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



# FARMING NOTES

## **Arable:**

As you will have noticed, harvest has progressed rapidly through the hot weather in July, starting with the winter barley on the 10th of the month, which is one of the earliest starts we have ever had. Normally an early start is not conducive to good yields as it means the crop has died off prematurely. This year the weather has conspired to produce the best malting barley yields and quality we have ever had!

Large, bold grains with low nitrogen and low screenings (small unusable grains) mean good malt, thus no reduction in the contracted price. We shipped out 19 lorry loads to Bairds of Witham in a very few days. We then moved on to the Oil Seed Rape which was a satisfactory yield bearing in mind that we have lost the use of the chemical that used to control the most important enemy of brassicas, the flea beetle. 230 tons of OSR has been sent to storage on our contract with United Oilseeds.

Next to be cut was the spring barley, which you may remember was sowed in early January this year as the conditions were so dry. This turned out to be a good crop too. It will be kept in our store until the price rallies a little. Finally, we began the wheat last week and are a couple of days from completion as I write, but the weather has turned and it may take some time to finish the harvest. We need two consecutive days of fine weather before wheat is dry enough to cut, so this week (beginning 12 August) looks unproductive. Sowing of the next crop of OSR will begin next week as will the ploughing and cultivations that herald the start of a new farming year.

Also in July we held a party to celebrate **Jimmy Pryke's** 65th Birthday and to thank him for his 50 years of loyal service to this farm and we would like to thank him publicly through this newsletter and look forward to many more productive years!

## **Livestock:**

A really useful by-product of the arable harvest is the straw and this year there has been plenty of it! Contractors bale over a thousand of the big round bales for us and Jimmy bales about 3,000 of the smaller rectangular ones. The straw is used for both bedding and for feed as it forms a staple part of the cow's winter diet. The small bales are useful at lambing time for building lambing pens and using in the smaller areas.

We also have straw for sale. Spring barley straw is the softest and most palatable followed by winter barley straw. The wheat straw tends to be short and breakable and is often more dusty so we don't use it unless we have to. I spend many days carting the round bales and stacking them in the barn, each load is 16 bales so that makes over 60 loads or 120 journeys – please be patient if you meet me or end up behind me on the road. I would like to echo Rob's appreciation of Jimmy's many years of support, we sometimes ask for his help with the livestock and when we do he is a willing and experienced helper.



## FARMING NOTES - (cont.)

### Bulls:

As mentioned in previous issues we have sold quite a few white British Blue bulls to Cogent, a company which supplies genetics to the dairy industry. Once bulls have been quarantined and are settled into the Cogent stud semen is collected and supplied to dairy farmers who use it to breed crossbred beef calves from some of their dairy cows. Careful records are kept for the progeny of each bull: the gestation length; ease of calving; calf vigour; calf colour and calf quality. Once favourable records from over 100 calvings for each bull are available Cogent are able to market that bulls semen with confidence, both at home and abroad. In recent trials Kersey Linchpin has come out as top bull!



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# PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 8th July under the chairmanship of **John Hume**. All councillors were present plus clerk, county and district councillors and four members of the public.

**Reports:** County Councillor **Robert Lindsay** spoke about safety at the crossroads. If new signage is agreed he may be able to contribute from his locality budget.

Restrictions on recycling. New sorting equipment is being installed at Gt. Blakenham and will not be able to separate cartons. Tetra Pak cartons and metal items will have to be taken to household recycling centres.

OFSTED have given SCC Children's Services an outstanding rating.

He also spoke about the buses losing their subsidy. He believes that supporting vulnerable people with no alternative transport is a necessity.

The joint local plan has been approved for consultation and is available to view on the Babergh website. He urged members of the Parish Council and village to view this document and send comments. He spoke about the planning applications which included land west of Vale Lane and the refusal of two dwellings at Kersey Mill.

Minutes already circulated were signed as correct.

**Parish time:** Some banks still hadn't been cut. Clerk will report to SCC again. A parishioner complained about parking on Church Hill. Parking was a problem in the whole street and residents to be asked to park off road where possible.

Road safety at the crossroads. The Parish Council had concerns about safety at these crossroads, recently there has been a number of accidents. The council would like to see the 40mph limit extended to cover the crossroads. A Highways officer had carried out an assessment and did not think this junction would meet the criteria needed for a speed reduction. The officer suggested altering the bank, (reduce speed) warning signs and SLOW road markings. Land ownership has changed and the new landowner said work to the bank could be done once the field crop has been harvested. Lindsey parishioners were also concerned about safety at this junction. Quotes for signage etc. would have to be obtained.

**Clerks report:** The clerk had contacted SCC about the uncut verges and Rights of Way about repairs to hand rail and steps on path opposite Kersey Mill. It is planned to give a welcome pack to newcomers to the village. By September websites must be changed so they are accessible for users with disabilities. Community Heartbeat Trust have confirmed funds are available to apply for to help with training for volunteers and setting up of Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS).

**Correspondence:** Babergh are changing refuse collection days. This will now be Thursday instead of Friday. Residents to be reminded to remove bins from the roadside once they have been emptied.

# PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

The new Draft Local Plan will be open for consultation from this month for ten weeks.

Consultation has opened on options for Ipswich northern route, the public are invited to comment SCC have launched a new Highway self help scheme for parishes. This includes things like sign cleaning, footpath post repairs, tree and hedge pruning and weed killing. Some of this work is already being undertaken by the Footpath Working Group. More needs to be found out about this scheme.

**Finance:** Bank balances were shown and payment since the last meeting was to KCPC for mower repair. Payments are due for some footpath expenses and clerks salary and expenses. All financial information has been published on the website to comply with the transparency code.

**Planning progress:** Babergh council have refused permission for two dwellings at Kersey Mill, they have granted permission for an extension and alterations at Harts cottage.

Land west of Vale Lane – outline planning for erection of eight dwellings – The Parish Council have objected to this application and submitted conditions should this be approved. The applicant has to submit a Local Housing Needs Assessment to support this application. The parish council would like to be consulted on this assessment.

A planning application for erection of sheds following demolition of existing sheds at Ballyquirke, Kersey farm had been received to late for an agenda item. Councillors agreed not to comment.

Babergh council had apologised for delay in responding to a parish council complaint. There had been an oversight on their part. The planning process has been reviewed and the matter now closed.

**Footpath Working Group:** At their last meeting **Giles Hollingworth** stood down as chair of the group. **Kevin Pratt** has taken his place. All paths are walkable and volunteers have been busy carrying out surface clearance. One of the mowers is being repaired. The path opposite Kersey Mill has been impassable for years. Now the path is used more due to the extra facilities at The Mill it is hoped it can be improved so it can be cut with the mower.

**KCPC:** The mower has been repaired. More volunteers have joined the grass cutting rota. The group have also been discussing new play equipment for the future.

**Review of council assets:** Many of the timber assets are showing signs of age. It was agreed to replace the bench at the playground.

**Speeding in the parish:** After much discussion it was agreed there was no simple solution to the problem. It was agreed to get quotes for the word (SLOW) to be painted on Cherry Hill.

# PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

**Bus service subsidy cuts:** Only one timetabled bus stops in Kersey. The village is served by the community bus and residents do use other bus routes from Hadleigh which could be affected. (*See page 22.*)

**Progress on creating a Parish Infrastructure Investment plan (PIIP):** Work has already started on this plan. Residents and organisations will be consulted on what they think is needed before an application for funding is made in September. (*See page 20 opposite.*)

**Training:** Three councillors have booked in for training.

Next ordinary meeting 9th September.

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An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 29th July. Present were five councillors, clerk and fourteen members of the public. Apologies were received from one councillor. Minutes of previous meeting were signed as correct.

**Parish time:** A parishioner asked about replacing some of the play equipment. A survey would be going round the whole parish asking for ideas.

**Finance:** Invoice for expenses was agreed for council elections.

**Planning:** Ballyquirk, Kersey farm. Erection of sheds following demolition of old existing sheds. Councillors fully supported this application.

2 Ancient Houses, The Street: Application for a rear window. Councillors agreed to support but they had reservations on privacy for the neighbours.

Documents concerning land to the rear of 1-6 The Street were discussed. Responses were agreed for a Babergh council survey on the planning department.

**AOB:** Items brought up was the vegetation on Cherry Hill and the hedge in Vale Lane neither had been cut despite being reported.

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The next issue will cover **October 2019.**

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 30th September 2019 to:

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**Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - [kersey@moonridge.me.uk](mailto:kersey@moonridge.me.uk)**

# PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

## PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN (PIIP)

### *For the attention of all residents of Kersey Parish*

Babergh District Council have set up an initiative whereby local parish councils can take advantage to receive funding for a variety of initiatives. The funding is provided from a so called Council Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is a fund derived from monies received from any housing building project that has taken place within the district or parish. The next round of applications for funding is due for October 2019. You may access specific detail behind the CIL initiative on the Babergh Council website.

To even begin to apply for funding, we need to have established an infrastructure investment plan for Kersey - a PIIP (Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan).

This plan will be developed by the parish council having consulted with residents. This will give the parish council a mandate to use so that it can bid for this CIL funding. There is no guarantee that we will obtain funding but we will need an investment plan to begin the process.

We need your help to identify shortfalls in the Kersey Parish and where YOU think improvements could be made. It is important that the whole parish have a say in this. The last survey was completed over 5 years ago so we would like this survey to be relevant and inclusive.

Please could you send your comments to ***KERSEYPCPIIP@Hotmail.com*** so that we may be able to meet the **October deadline?**

Suggestions need to be for new or vastly improved facilities for them to qualify under Babergh Council's rules for funding.

Examples of infrastructure to improve could be:

- *New and improved children's play equipment at The Glebe;*
- *New and improved toilet facilities at the Village Hall;*
- *New and improved kitchen facilities at the Village Hall;*
- *Better road signage due to increased vehicles through the parish due to new developments in the surrounding areas.*

There must be many more. Please can you contribute so that Kersey Parish can improve and develop for the aspirations of us all.

Thank you very much.

**The Kersey Parish Council**

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# BABERGH NEWS

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY

It was pleasing that both Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils approved a motion to declare a climate emergency in the districts in July. Many local authorities around the world are declaring a climate emergency and Suffolk councils are in the forefront of this.

My goal now, along with the other members of the Green Party, is to ensure that the pledges are actually acted on.

## CIFCO BUSINESS PLAN

Also approved last month was the CIFCO's draft business plan for 2019/20. The property investment company is looking to increase the £1.4m annual income it already generates for services in Babergh and Mid Suffolk – the equivalent of increasing council tax by more than 12%.

## BUS CUTS

Following on from the announcement on the 'Suffolk on board' website regarding the council decision on bus subsidies, with regard to the buses that are most likely to concern local residents the decision is –

### CON 112

The twice-weekly 112 from Hadleigh to Sudbury will continue to operate by Suffolk Norse until March 2020.

### CON 971

It has been confirmed that the 971 bus service from Hadleigh to Colchester will continue to run after the public subsidy is withdrawn. Beestons, who are the current operator for the service has agreed to continue the contract on a commercial basis.

There will be a slight change to the route, which will now take the following journey; Hadleigh – Capel – Bergholt – Stratford – Colchester. This means that the bus will no longer stop in Layham, Raydon and Holton St Mary but people living in these villages can meet the bus in Hadleigh or East Bergholt.

Although the imminent cessation of these routes has been averted, the 112 only has a stay of execution and the 971 will continue, but with increased fares.

## Leigh Jamieson (Cllr)

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*The 112 bus service runs on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from Hadleigh, via Kersey to Sudbury. It stops at The Bell Inn, Kersey at 09.30 and arrives at Sudbury bus station at 10.25. It returns from Sudbury bus station at 13.10 and stops at The Bell Inn, Kersey at 13.55.*



# DIARY DATES

- 29 Aug – Maintenance day at church ... St. Mary's Church .....9.00  
3 Sept – Coffee and listening ..... St. Mary's Church ..... 11.00-12.00  
3 Sept – September Tuesday club..... Village Hall .....19.30  
4 Sept – *Back to school*  
7 Sept – Flower show ..... Village Hall and marquee. .14.15-17.00  
9 Sept – Parish Council ..... Village Hall .....19.30  
14 Sept – Sponsored Ride and stride  
18 Sept – Parochial Church Council..... St. Mary's Church .....19.30
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## KERSEY COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Remember to check [www.kersey.suffolk.cloud](http://www.kersey.suffolk.cloud) regularly for latest news, information and updates. The Kersey Parish Newsletter newsletter is now available to download from this site too. Back issues and the latest issue can be viewed, downloaded and printed.

<http://kersey.suffolk.cloud/our-village/newsletter/>

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## WEATHER

Rainfall for June: .....86mm (3 1/3" approx.) *June last year – 0.7mm!*  
Maximum temperature: .....27°C (81°F approx.)  
Minimum temperature: ..... 8°C (46°F approx.)  
Rainfall for July: ..... 41mm (1 3/4" approx.)  
Maximum temperature: ..... 34°C (93°F approx.)  
Minimum temperature: ..... 8°C (46°F approx.)

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