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and vacant position.

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SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

8th July – Bridget Allen

22nd July – Frances Whymark and Carol Barrett

5th August – Ruth Anderson and Sue Attridge

CONGRATULATIONS

– to Harry Hanlon of Kersey Uplands and Laura Cattermole of Gislingham who were married at Lavenham church on 1st June.

– to Luke Whitwell and Yasmine Youell of Kersey Tye who were married at Tudor Barns Belstead on 25th May.

– and to Chris and Sarah Partridge and family on their success with the sheep and cattle at the recent shows.

WELCOME

– to Donne and Rob Wilkins and their animal friends at The Row.

BAPTISM

Joseph Andrew Hunn-Smith son of Tom and Charis was baptised at St. Mary's on the 9th June.

RINGERS

On Saturday 22nd June several of our bell ringers were away. A Kersey "scratch" team entered the annual Guild Striking competition held this year at Little Cornard church and scoring the lowest number of faults won the trophy for the sixth year.

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PARISH NEWS

VPA OUTING

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ALLOTMENTS

Do you enjoy flowers, fresh vegetables, fresh air and like exercise? There are 2 x ½ allotments available. Contact Natalie for information.

Phone 01473 827805 or email natalie.blyth1@btinternet.com.

TUESDAY CLUB

In June there was a change from the normal meeting when we had an evening out visiting Kersey Mill. Steve and Alison De Lara Bell were there to meet us, show us around and give an interesting talk about the history of the Mill and how the restoration programme is going. Some of the bravest amongst the group ventured up the steps to the other floors. Although the level of water was very low they managed to get the water wheel to turn, after the last few days when we have had heavy rain I'm sure the level will have risen. It's good to see it being brought back to a working mill after so many years being derelict. The aim is to be milling flour in 2020. After the tour of the Mill we ended with a cream tea in the Millers' Kitchen. An enjoyable evening in a lovely setting. *(See pictures on back cover.)*

On 2nd July 7.30 it's back to the Village Hall when we will be joined by Lynne Mortimer from Ipswich with "Life and laughs of a local journalist"

Competition "Something beginning with L".

On 6th August there is a change to the original programme when we welcome back Chris Parfitt from Rendlesham with "Ethiopia – an Antique Land". Chris always gives interesting talks accompanied by his wonderful pictures. He will also bring along textiles and other bits.

Competition "A flower".

Anyone is welcome to join us – only £1 which includes refreshments.

WEATHER

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TERRY WAITE IN KERSEY

Terry Waite visited Kersey recently to celebrate his 80th birthday at The Bell. As Special Envoy for the Church of England, he was held hostage in Lebanon for nearly five years from 20th January 1987. The first four years were spent in solitary confinement. He was finally released on 18th November 1991.

Wendy Green, at The Bell, said “It was such an honour to meet him. I remember following all the news stories of his capture and all his years as a hostage, and then finally his release and all the amazing work he had done since. I have met the most amazing person.

Thank you so much for coming to The Bell.”



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE IN JULY AT ST MARY'S



As part of our Shrine Arts Programme, accomplished potter and ceramicist Dominic Upson will be our artist in residence in the parish church on Monday the 15th July through to Friday 19th July.

Each day from 10am to 3pm Dominic will be working on his own creations; giving lessons to pupils; and available for one-to-one tuition.

He will have his potter's wheel so if you've ever wanted to learn how to throw a pot please book a slot by visiting www.kind.church/kersey. Dominic will glaze and fire your pot for you to keep.

SAVE THE DATES

A special invitation to all Kersey parishioners to join us during the evening of Friday 11th October for a complimentary glass of wine and ‘nibbles’ for a preview of the sensational **KERSEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL** being staged in St Mary's Church over the weekend of Saturday 12th October and Sunday 13th October. More details to follow.

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.

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FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S – HEXACHORDIA

A huge thank you to all of those who supported the last concert, Hexachordia, on behalf of Friends of St. Mary's. We were musically transported back to the middle ages and raised just over £350 bringing our total to date to £1074. A great achievement from a standing start, so thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Tickets have all but sold out for our "Swingin' for St. Mary's", Jazz and Creole night on Friday 26th July. The last remaining seats being available from the box office, www.eventbrite/jazzandcreole, priced £25 plus a small admin fee from the box office company.

A meeting held this month with the PCC discussed the first project that Friends of St. Mary's would like to raise funds for. It was decided that we would help with the restoration of the West Door, interior panelling to make safe and protect the area under the bells. This would also enable the area to be used more widely as a small shop and also in the future, making the West Door entrance more attractive for wedding income.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Reach for the stars

As someone who is still very much in their mid thirties, I remember S Club 7. For those of you a little older they were a beat combo comprising 7 teenage singers who were hugely popular in the early noughties. At the time they were famous I worked in a highly dysfunctional parish in, of all places, Doncaster. In answer to your question "Why?", I can only point out that it's the birth place of Jeremy Clarkson and it didn't do him no harm.

I was tasked by the vicar to promote his antidote to Halloween called "A service of light in the darkness". Catchy eh? I hit on the idea of pretending that S Club 7 were visiting Doncaster and would drop in to the church to do a brief personal appearance. I managed to persuade the Vicar, both elderly church wardens and the treasurer to dress up in youth orientated clothes and practice a dance to the big hit "Reach For The Stars". The treasurer had to drop out because of a dicky hip and was replaced by the octogenarian organist who suffered from a bad case of farmer's lung. To make up the 7 we had two ladies from the flower rota and a sidesman with advanced hearing loss.

Unfortunately my light hearted wind-up about S Club 7 actually appearing got picked up by DonnyFM – a sort of hospital radio equivalent for the town of Doncaster, listened to by absolutely everyone born within fifteen miles of the coal mine. The upshot being that St Martha's was surrounded by a legion of screaming teens; the Vicar was holed up next door in the Rectory, refusing to come out; both Church Wardens had locked the church doors; and I was left to explain to the crowd, the sidesmen and the by now dangerously out of breath organist, that the show was most definitely not going to go on. It didn't end well. The following month I saw an advert for school chaplaincy down south, and attracted by the prospect of: 1. being able to come out of police protection, and 2. being able to understand what people were actually saying to me I applied for and got the job. The rest as they say is history.

All of which I was reminded of today as I listened to Stephen Fry talking about the birth of the concept of an open mindset, which apparently only started in human evolution about 4,000 years ago. He was reflecting on Robert Browning's words that "your reach should exceed your grasp, or what is heaven for?" We strive for the impossible, in order to reach the edge of the possible; otherwise we settle for what is merely easy. All of which S Club 7 said much more *betterer* when they sang "Reach For The Stars". And in that note, best wishes for the summer and especially the bell ringers who are going to attempt a full peal on July 4th.

By the way, did you the hear that the Spice Girls are passing through Kersey next Tuesday and should be in The Bell from 8pm onwards...

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Tuesday 2 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 7 July	3rd after Trinity 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tuesday 9 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 14 July	4th after Trinity 11.00am	CW Holy Communion Rev Jackson
Tuesday 16 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 21 July	5th after Trinity 11.00am	Cafe Church Rev Janice White
Tuesday 23 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 28 July	6th after Trinity 6.30pm	Evensong Mrs Julie Boast
Tuesday 30 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 4 August	7th after Trinity 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev John Druce
Tuesday 6 August	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 11 August	8th after Trinity 11.00am	CW Holy Communion Rev Gerald Drew
Tuesday 13 August	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay Led
Sunday 18 August	9th after Trinity 11.00am	Songs of Praise (Favourite hymns)

Kersey Community Website

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for latest news, information and updates.*

PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 3rd June.

Present were Chairman John Hume, five councillors, clerk and three members of the public.

Apologies were received from one councillor.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Parish time: Serious concerns were raised about road safety at the A1141 crossroads. Visibility is very poor, the landowner to be asked to cut back growth on the banks. It was also felt that cutting the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph would help with safety. It was agreed to write to Suffolk CC highways, the cabinet holder for highways and our county councillor asking them to consider the speed reduction.

Planning- progress: Babergh council had granted permission for demolition of garage and erection of cart lodge at Hall house.

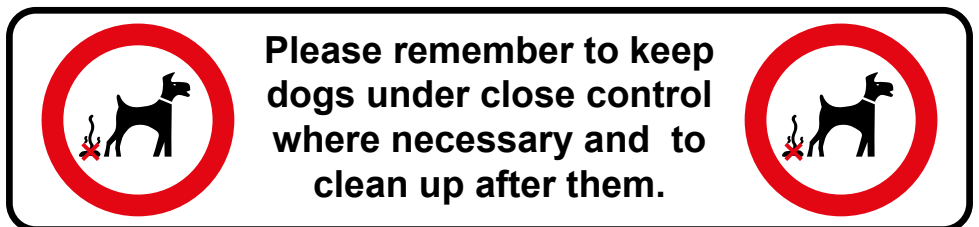
Land SW of Vale Lane. Outline planning. Erection of eight dwellings. The parish council have been informed that the planning officer is going to recommend approval. It has been requested that this application be considered by the planning committee then the parish council would have the opportunity to speak.

This and three other applications would be discussed at another extraordinary meeting on the 17th June.

Harts cottage: Councillors looked at plans for erection of single storey side and front porch extensions and conversion of existing garage to form annex. Councillors agreed to fully support.

AOB: Councillors will discussing the speeding data at the next ordinary meeting. Wheelie bins are still being left out when empty. Blocked drains on Cherry Hill have been reported to Highways again and a water leak at the Green has been reported to Anglian Water. There was still a vacancy for a Neighbourhood watch coordinator. Concerns were raised about dog mess not being cleared up by their owners. This is unpleasant for the volunteers who cut the footpaths.

Next ordinary meeting 8th July 2019.



PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 17th June.

Present was chairman John Hume, four councillors, clerk and ten members of the public.

Apologies received from two councillors.

Two councillors declared an interest in planning matters.

Minutes of meeting 3rd June were confirmed and signed as correct.

Planning: Amendment to plan for two dwellings at Kersey Mill. After looking at this it was agreed their original decision was the same and could not support.

Land southwest of Vale Lane. It was agreed what conditions would be put forward if the outline plan was approved. Councillors were still against this plan.

River House. Councillors agreed to support plans for first floor annex, wall paintings would then eventually be uncovered.

AOB: The question of noise at certain times of the week/day to be put on the agenda of the next meeting.



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FARMING NOTES - June 2019

Arable:

And then the rain arrived! So there is plenty of grass for cattle and sheep, the sugar beet are green and lush, the cereals are filling nicely and the OSR pods are swelling. It doesn't take much to make a farmer happy! I am also pleased that some of the hedgerows and trees that had begun to show signs of drought are now looking healthy, especially the newest wood that we planted. Work continues with lots of fencing on the meadows being done and all the cereal fungicides are now applied. On the wet days we have been sanitising the barns ready for harvest storage and work repairing and maintaining the harvest machinery is under way.

Cattle:

As Rob has mentioned above, the very welcome rainfall has increased grass growth and set us up nicely for the next month or so. We may actually take a second cut of silage as well as making some hay for the winter. Cows and calves continue to thrive at grass and hopefully the bulls have done their job and many of the cows are back in calf by now.

We implanted 20 imported Aberdeen Angus embryos early in June and will be implanting a few more soon, as well as some more British Blue embryos. The



We were delighted to win a first prize at the Suffolk Show with Jet and her bull calf Kersey Onyx.

FARMING NOTES - (cont.)

process of preparing cattle to receive embryos is time consuming and expensive, but if we get a good conception rate this could boost cattle income considerably in the next couple of years.

Judging:

I was honoured to be invited to judge the commercial beef section and the cattle young handlers at the Essex Show at the end of May. Despite having shown cattle for over 35 years this was the first time I have been asked to judge cattle.

There was some pressure because I had 3 family members ringside checking up on my decision making, however I was satisfied with my choices in the commercial classes which were full of high quality butchers' beasts. The young handlers' classes were more challenging with about 15 youngsters in one class, all very knowledgeable, well presented and showing their cattle skilfully. It took some time but again I managed to put them in an order which I was happy with.

Sheep:

The ewes and lambs have now been weaned, by the time they are 12 weeks old the lambs are eating lots of grass and solid food and can manage without mum. The lambs are put on the best available grazing while the ewes can go onto poorer grass as they recover their condition before going to the ram again.

All the pedigree Suffolk lambs are weighed and ultrasound scanned to measure their fat and muscle depths. This performance data is used in a computer program to calculate indexes which give an indication of their breeding value to potential buyers. We hope to start selling the breeding rams in the next few weeks.

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Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 12th August 2019 to:

Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - rachel@kersey-village.co.uk or

Viv Marsh: 07747 175858 - kersey@moonridge.me.uk

NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Squirrels (Reception):

Squirrels are enjoying learning about plants and mini beasts. They have been busy planting seeds kindly donated by Thompson and Morgan. During the topic they have read 'The Enormous Turnip' and then created their own story based on it, we've had the enormous carrot and even the enormous strawberry! They are very much looking forward to their trip to Bridges Farm to learn more about crops and animals.

Squirrels outdoor area:

Recently we were extremely lucky to receive a Lottery grant of nearly £10,000 to update and improve our Early Years outdoor area, the work is now complete and the children are enjoying using the new play house, climbing frame and dig pit with pulley system. The whole area looks fantastic. We would like to have an official opening ceremony and are trying to find the oldest person in the village who attended the school to help us. If that is you or you know how we can contact that person please do get in touch by calling the school office. Thank you.







Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

In Badgers' class we started this half term off with a movie themed day. All of the children came dressed as their favourite movie character and throughout the day we learnt about the Hollywood walk of fame and made our own trailers and movies using both the iPads and laptops. During our Arts Festival this year we performed 'Happy' on the recorders and sang the song 'Reach' by 'S Club 7'. This linked to our topic of what we wanted to be when we grew up. We had



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a huge range of jobs in our class from gymnasts and miners to zoologist and international cake tasters!

Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls' class have enjoyed a rather soggy start to their new topic on Water Worlds! We went to Flatford Mill to begin our topic – we investigated the water voles and learnt a lot about them, their habitats and their prey. We hoped to see one (we were especially quiet too!) but no luck! This links rather well with our end of year play, which is 'The Wind In The Willows'. We are already busy practising for this as well as continuing our usual learning. At Flatford, we also did some pond dipping- we found a variety of creatures including pond snails and beetle larvae. We had a soggy lunch under the trees by the lock and then wandered to Willy Lott's Cottage. We are focusing on John Constable as an artist this term and we enjoyed seeing the famous house. In Science, we are reviewing our learning of the Water Cycle and also finding out more about water habitats.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school with a variety of things including art and reading. If you feel you would be able to give a little bit of your time to help please contact the office on the number below.

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“Marianne’s most significant contribution to village life came when twenty odd years ago (1990?) she became the Parish Footpath Warden. Recent legislation was aimed at enforcing the public’s right of way over some privately owned land. Unsurprisingly it was not popular with some land owners. Across the country and over many years locked gates, barbed wire and signs reading ‘BEWARE OF THE BULL’ had deterred all but the most intrepid walkers. Kersey was no exception and there were then, but not now, one or two landowners who did not welcome the legislation. It fell to Marianne to enlighten them.

Imagine the scene – Landowner content with the status quo confronted by a tall person whose delivery could be a tad abrupt and maddeningly conversant with every last detail of the legislation. In retrospect it sounds like the synopsis for an Ealing comedy but at the time Marianne had to endure some fairly bruising encounters.

Her patience and tenacity prevailed and Kersey now enjoys a network of footpaths, radiating out of and encircling the parish. It is difficult to

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think of a more truly enduring legacy, which does not end there. To ensure her work was not wasted Marianne ordained that if you go to the Splash at 11.00am on the third Wednesday of the month you will be conducted along a path which ends on the doorstep of a neighbouring public house – just in time for lunch.”

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DIARY DATES

- 30 June – School summer Fayre and ball run12.30- 16.00
2 July – Coffee and listening St. Mary’s church 11.00-12.00
2 July – Tuesday club Village Hall19.30
4 July – Peal attempt10.30
6 July – VPA outing to Wisley
8 July – Parish Council Village Hall.....19.30
10 July – PCC St. Mary’s church.....19.30
15 to 19 July – Artist in residence at St. Mary’s church..... 10.00-15.00
19 July – End of term
26 July – Jazz in the Village Hall19.00-23.00
6 Aug – Coffee and listening St Mary’s church..... 11.00-12.00
6 Aug – Tuesday club Village Hall19.30
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TUESDAY CLUB OUTING



Some pictures from last month’s visit to Kersey Mill by the Tuesday Club. Thanks to Steve and Alison De Lara Bell. See item on page 4.

