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November 2019



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and vacant position.

Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

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SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

11th November – Sarah Partridge and
Jenny Partridge

25th November – Bridget Allen

ALTAR FLOWERS

3 Nov – Rachel Wells

10 Nov – Sarah Williams

17 Nov –

24 Nov –

1 Dec – No flowers

2020 KERSEY CALENDAR

A calendar featuring views of Kersey is now on sale in the church.
Price £4. Makes an ideal gift.



BUFFET SUPPER

The Christmas buffet supper is being held on the 7th December in the Village Hall 8-10pm. Tickets on sale soon.

WELCOME

To Chris, Amy and their daughter Prudence who have moved into 8 Vale Lane.

THANK YOU

To those who have donated towards the newsletter expenses. So far we have received donations from 35 households we print over 200 newsletters so a long way to go.

FOOD BANK, SUDBURY

A big thank you for all the donations given during the two harvest festival services on Sunday and Monday 13th and 14th October from the church and school. 150 items were collected for distribution for those in need.

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KERSEY CHURCH TO LIGHT UP PURPLE!

During November, all over the country, various landmarks will be glowing with purple light as part of the Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer campaign - A national campaign supported by UK Charities who call upon supporters to organise venues, landmarks and homes in the UK to light up purple. Kersey Church is supporting this initiative again and will be lit purple on November 21st, World Pancreatic Cancer Day, 2019.

Organised by individuals affected by the disease, the campaign is a way to remember all loved ones sadly lost to pancreatic cancer, acknowledge those living with and beyond the disease and to raise vital awareness. Pancreatic cancer is the toughest cancer to diagnose, treat and survive. The five year survival rate is less than 7%. Nearly half of people are diagnosed as an emergency in our A&E system. The average life expectancy on diagnosis is four to six months. Change is needed - fast. We need to recognise and treat this illness within weeks, not months. Further information can be found at **www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk**.

With thanks to Rachel Wells and Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby

In loving memory of Phillip Covell.

Rachael Rogers

CHURCH CLOCK – VOLUNTEER WINDERS NEEDED

After 32 years **Neville Whittell** has retired from winding the church clock. I am sure the whole village will want to thank him for his dedicated service. We are now looking for volunteers from the parish to join the clock winding rota.

It is a 7 day movement and currently is wound on Tuesday mornings, this can change to suit the final rota and availability.

Access to the clock mechanism is by staircase in the bell tower, the winding and adjustment takes approx. 10 minutes. A reasonable degree of physical ability is required to both climb the stairs and wind the mechanism.

Rev. Jackson, Nick Judd, Colin Grannell and Linda Newbigging have joined the rota (and have prepared detailed access and winding instructions). We would love to have a reliable rota of up to 6 people. Please volunteer.

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PARISH NEWS

THE AUTUMN BUFFET

The Autumn Buffet, held at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th October, was a most enjoyable evening for all who attended.

The Village Hall Committee provides an excellent buffet with various home cooked delights, ranging from sausage plait, excellent vegetarian tomato and chilli quiches, garlic bread, to Persian style salmon cooked with pomegranate molasses and decorated with rose petals; all accompanied with potato and green bean salad, coleslaw and mixed salad leaves, and many many more delicious items. All this was accompanied by red or white wine, beers and soft drinks. Dessert brought a smile to everyone's face with Apple pies and crumbles, classic trifles, tiramisu and Oreo fridge cake, to mention just a few.

Do you regret not attending? Well next year please don't forget! We hope we have given you something to look forward to.

The Autumn Buffet is the only fund raiser the Committee organise to raise money to keep the fabric of the hall in good order and make needed improvements and refurbishments. During the evening we have a small quiz and a raffle and we are pleased to tell you that, after expenses, we raised just over £800.

Many thanks to all who came along and were generous in their support.

TUESDAY CLUB

At the October meeting following earlier thundery weather members arrived at the hall only to find it in darkness with no electricity. Ever hopeful and with the aid of torches we helped our speaker unload. Luckily after half an hour power was restored. Alison Brain from Rattlesden had come to talk about her work in Uganda and show paper jewellery and crafts. For the past 12 years she has regularly been visiting Entebbe, running a charity helping children. In that time she has helped organise firstly the building of a very basic kitchen and toilets to the school, classrooms and dormitories which today helps over 100 children. Her talk was accompanied by many pictures of her time there over the years including the children she has helped. We take everything for granted here and it was very humbling to hear her talk about the children and how they cope with everyday life. The colourful beads and bracelets she brought for members to purchase were made from paper (you would never know) by Ugandan women. Also for sale were aprons and other crafts. Competition for a necklace was won by Jean Jarvis.

The next meeting is on the 5th November, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm when we welcome back Graham Hart from Hadleigh with "Coast to coast". Competition is for "Something Orange or sparkling".

PARISH NEWS (cont.)

KERSEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

'Better than Chelsea!', 'Stunning!', 'Best I've ever seen in 25 years in the florist trade!' Just some of the comments that were made about the Kersey Harvest Flower Festival, held over the weekend of 12 & 13 October. We even had people arrive on the Monday, having been told how amazing it all was and so it would have been lovely to have welcomed more parishioners to their own private viewing on the Friday night where there was free flowing prosecco and nibbles provided.



Many, many people deserve thanks for volunteering to make the festival the success it was but enormous accolades must go to Philippa Harris, her sister Susan and Arthur Bacul in using their undoubted talent to create the display, supported by their team of flower arrangers.



There was no charge for admission, so we relied on donations only and after a small amount of costs, £1,386.84 was raised to be shared equally, at Philippa and Arthur's request, between Friends of St Mary's, Kersey and Kersey Projects.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks: Hollow Trees Farm for donating vegetables, Chapman Stickels for 'signage' and to Kersey Projects for funding the flowers.

More pictures on [flic.kr/s/aHsmHD6fkz](https://www.flic.kr/s/aHsmHD6fkz), courtesy of Viv Marsh.

KERSEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL – 2

I bet that like me you were amazed and bowled over by the festival. Time and again I spoke to people both at the festival and afterwards in other villages – they had never seen anything like it before. It was beautiful, coherent and breath-taking. I kept thinking "Oh that's my favourite, or this bit is." Then my eye would stumble on a new aspect and I'd change my mind.

To all those who took part in the flowers and served teas and set out furniture and put it away again; rehearsed the children for the service, or who cleaned and tidied or held ladders or donated fruit and veg or did any of the 101 other things that make a festival like this so successful – thank you.

Church must be Holy, Authentic, Beautiful and Engaging and this festival was all four. The Vicar, Rev'd Jackson Crompton-Battersby, www.kind.church

PARISH NEWS (cont.)

NIGHTINGALE TRUST

Dear friends,

The Nightingale Trust was first set up in 1875 to help benefit the ‘poor and needy’ of the village of Kersey. The Trust helped to feed, clothe and keep warm residents who were struggling to make ends meet, or simply, just needed help to get through the long winter months. Of course things have improved since the late nineteenth century but it is a sad reflection on our society of today that food banks and charities are possibly in as much if not more demand than ever.

Many of us know the Nightingale Trust as the keeper of the allotments, but it does so much more than that, including a small but appreciated gift to some in the village at Christmas time. This year in addition to the direct financial gifts the Trust has decided to make an equal donation to the local food bank to help support others who may be struggling with making ends meet.

The reason for sharing this news with you is to ask two things. First, if you are aware of anyone young or old in Kersey who may be struggling and could benefit from a little support this winter please let either Natalie or myself know. All aid is in the strictest confidence and this is a founding priority of the Trust.

Second, if you would like to see the Trust support an equally good cause to benefit the residents of Kersey please let us know.

Sometimes just taking the time and care to check that certain people are well, warm and not lonely in a way that doesn’t make them feel awkward makes all the difference. To those who may be in need but either don’t like to ask for help or very humbly feel others may be in greater need we can make a difference.

Mark Rigby 829147 or Natalie Blyth 827805

Best wishes,
Mark

WEATHER

Rainfall for September: 50mm (2")

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Minimum temperature: 7°C (45°F)

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We Will Remember

It's the end of October as I write this, which means there are only 23 Brexit votes till Christmas; and we look at the shouting, slogan waving, binary *"I'm right and you're the spawn of the devil"* back stabbing, double dealing shenanigans in Parliament and recall Churchill's words:

"Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time..."

Parliament's behaviour doesn't make us proud of our democracy but it does symbolise one welcome truth – we are free. Free to think, love, feel, vote, speak, worship, marry and free to screw up a national decision by turning it into a two option shouting match – let's create an argument and stick a wall down the middle. Freedom to love and freedom to shout but free none-the-less. Freedom clearly has its complications but it is the yearning of every woman and man in the world – those caught up in human trafficking in Birmingham and those terrorised in Basra.

In the last one hundred years, the commonwealth of this nation and our allies have twice crossed the English Channel to bring freedom to invaded and brutalised countries, indeed in 1939-1945 to answer the cries of the entire enslaved continent. Men and women from Kersey Parish made a conscious decision that the freedom of others was worth more than their own lives.

Our freedom to love and to speak as we wish was bought by those men and women. The current shambles in Westminster doesn't cheapen that sacrifice.

And their names remain whilst the names of those who live the freedom they bought have been quietly forgotten, so we will remember them, the freedom they bought for us demands no less than this, that we remember them.

*"As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain."*

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3 Nov	4th before Advent 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tuesday 5 Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 10 Nov	3rd before Advent 10.45 am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Rev Jackson
Tuesday 12 Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 17 Nov	2nd before Advent 11.00am	Cafe Church Rev Eric Fisher
Tuesday 19 Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 24 Nov	Christ the King 4.00pm	Evensong Mrs Julie Boast
Tuesday 26 Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 1 Dec	1st of Advent 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson

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Joining the choir will be professional soloists Elinor Rolfe Johnson (soprano), Siân Cameron (mezzo-soprano), Huw Ynyr (tenor), and Owain Browne (bass) as well as the Colchester Symphony Orchestra, all conducted by Christopher Phelps.

Tickets are £15 (under 25s free) and are available from the Hadleigh Choral Society www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh (37 High Street), choir members, or on the door.

For more information phone 01473 823 791.

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The VPA committee met on the 28th of October. Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising: The new tables which had recently been purchased had worked well at the flower show.

Finance: Show and outing accounts were shown. The show had made a small profit this year. The outing to Wisley had not been very well supported and had made a significant loss.

Marquee lettings were down on previous years. It was agreed to give donations to help towards the churchyard, floodlights and parish newsletter.

Flower show date is set for the 12th September 2020.

Outing: Some suggestions were made and will be discussed at the schedule meeting in January.

Kersey Community Website

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for latest news, information and updates.*

FARMING NOTES

Arable:

During the month that has elapsed since I wrote the last set of farming notes we have had no suitable conditions for sowing the winter wheat and barley, so effectively we have seamlessly moved from drought to waterlogged soils, with nothing in between. It is very unusual, and quite damaging to our business, not to sow any winter crops in October. As the autumn wears on it takes longer for the ground to dry, even if we do get a dry spell, due to shorter days and the usual foggy November weather. I think it is true to say that in the last 50 years of farming this is the first time we have drilled nothing in October, and it will be interesting to see what the official total rainfall is for the month. My guess is around 120mm, which will be another first!

Of course we have not been idle while waiting on the weather; we have applied 300 tons of sugar beet factory lime to 75 acres of grassland to counteract the natural soil acidity, which should result in improving grass yields next year. Also a lot of ditch maintenance and tree work has been carried out, and the machinery has never been so well looked after at this time of year!

Let's hope for a dry, windy November so we can get on with the drilling of winter cereals and lifting of the sugar beet.



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FARMING NOTES (cont.)

Cattle:

Most of the cattle have now been housed and the calves weaned from their mothers. Since the very welcome rain arrived there has been some regrowth of autumn grass, to make use of this and save on winter feed and straw, one group of 22 cows have been turned out again after weaning, and are grazing over a fairly large area. The rest of the cows are on winter rations of straw, mineral blocks and malt nuts. The calves have been weighed and wormed with a pour-on treatment and are now enjoying recently lifted fodder beet as part of their winter ration.

Sheep:

Just a few days before the ewes were to be introduced to the rams, one of our stock rams achieved every sheep's lifetime ambition... he died, he was not old, no warning or illness – just turned up his toes! Any sheep farmer will tell you it goes with the territory, but that does not make it any less frustrating. With 90 ewes and only one experienced ram I had to call on a local sheep breeding friend and was fortunate to be able to borrow a ram. Quite possibly the borrowed ram is actually better genetically than the one which died, so things may turn out OK.

Some time ago I was invited to judge a regional Suffolk Sheep flock competition, and last week Sarah and I spent an enjoyable couple of days visiting 9 pedigree flocks in the south of England, including 3 flocks on the Isle of Wight. There are a number of different categories which flock owners enter: flock ewes; ewe lambs; stock rams etc. which makes the judging tricky especially as you



Ewe lambs on the stubble turnips

can't see the sheep all in one place. However, with the use of photographs and copious notes we managed to come up with an order which we were happy with. The winning flock usually hosts an open day to which other breeders are invited.

Our 50 March born ewe lambs are now enjoying the catch crop of stubble turnips which were sowed just after harvest and just before the rain started, we are ready for it to stop now!

PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 14th October. Present were Chairman, five councillors, clerk and three members of the public.

The chairman began by thanking all those who had organised the flower festival. He said it was a magnificent event.

Apologies were received from one councillor.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Planning: Babergh council had granted permission for installation of an oak framed window at 2 Ancient houses.

Linton House – An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Babergh council to refuse permission for a single storey dwelling.

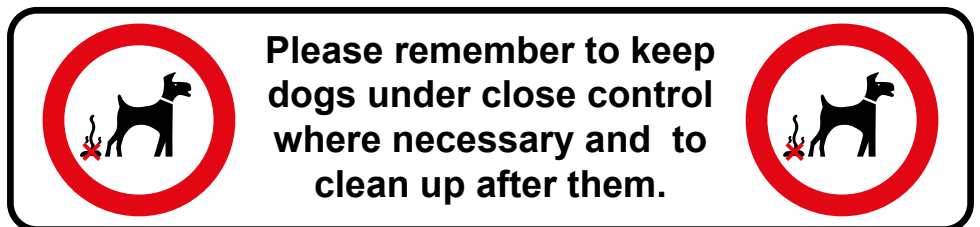
Holtons, Uplands – The applicant was present and outlined the history of both applications.

- (1) Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to a dwelling. It was agreed that the existing buildings were not attractive in their current state. The proposals were in keeping with the surroundings and would provide an additional dwelling in the parish. Councillors fully supported this application.
- (2) Erection of dwelling and cart lodge following demolition of existing dwelling. Some councillors had concerns about demolishing an old building however it was not listed and not really suitable for modern living. The proposal was in keeping with other properties in the area. It was agreed to support by a majority decision.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Progress on creating a parish infrastructure investment plan and submitting a CIL funding application:

A consultation leaflet had been delivered to households in the parish. There had not been very many responses. Items suggested were for a tennis court on the Glebe, improved playground facilities, improved facilities at the Village Hall, undergrounding of overhead services in the Conservation area and a car park. It was agreed councillors were not ready for the October deadline but would work towards applying in May 2020.

To consider whether Kersey should carry out a housing needs survey.

This survey would provide evidence of any need for additional housing in Kersey in the next few years. Two councillors agreed to look at options and costs for carrying out a survey. They would report back at next meeting.

AOB: The chairman had met with the clerk and carried out her appraisal, he will report back at next meeting.

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Mental Health

The Sudbury and Stowmarket Voluntary and Statutory Partnerships (VASPs) marked World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10 October with an invitation to residents to join them to find out more about the mental health services available in their towns.

The theme of this year's global day was suicide prevention. We forget sometimes as we live in our idyllic villages and pretty homes that it is easy for people to become lonely and isolated. In these circumstances people can end up in a difficult situation.

Cllr Derek Davis, Babergh District Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Mental Health Awareness is crucial for us all to be able to recognise problems within our family, friends, colleagues and sometimes even strangers. We have to recognise their personal story and try to convince them in their darkest hour that there is another way other than taking their life, to find light and hope."

As a council, can we help and if so, do we do enough? These are questions I am seeking an answer to.

5 Year Housing Land Supply

Babergh District Council has now published a new annual five-year housing land supply position statement which demonstrates a 5.67-year supply, alongside the Joint Annual Monitoring Report with Mid Suffolk District Council.

Housing Land Supply Components

Housing Land Supply 2019-2024

- Under Construction 723
- Full Planning Consent 432
- Reserved Matters Consent 72
- Outline Planning Consent 446
- Small Sites (<10 dwellings)
- 726 Windfall Allowance 100

- Total 2,499

Requirement Scenario

- Base LHN requirement (dpa) 420
- Requirement over 5 years 2,100
- With Buffer @ 5% 2,205
- Dwellings Per Annum 441

Climate and Biodiversity Emergency

The council have now declared a biodiversity emergency alongside the Climate emergency motion that was approved in July. This sets out a number of key objectives including –

- Creation and development of a Wildlife Network Map from which Wildlife Corridors will be identified and created. The map, available to the public, will assist the District to develop Eco Tourism.
- Introduction of the 'Trees for Life' scheme in Babergh District. This offers every family with a new-born baby a tree to plant. The trees to be planted will be native trees and will be locally grown and sourced.

The task force that was promised in July, to monitor and develop these ideas has now been set up and meetings have started.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr)

DIARY DATES

5 Nov	– Coffee and chat in church	11.00-12.00
5 Nov	– Tuesday club	Village Hall 19.30
6 Nov	– School Christmas Fayre	St Mary's church 9.00-13.30
10 Nov	– Remembrance service	St Mary's church 10.45
11 Nov	– School Remembrance service	10.45
16 Nov	– Jazz and jackets	Village Hall 19.00
18 Nov	– Parish Council	Village Hall 19.30
27th Nov	– PCC	19.30
3 Dec	– Tuesday club Christmas party	Village Hall 19.30
7 Dec	– Christmas buffet supper	Village Hall 20.00-22.00
15 Dec	– Candlelit Carol service	St Mary's church 16.00



Christmas Wreaths & more
The Shed, Hollow Trees Farm Shop, Semer, Suffolk IP7 6HX
Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd November 2019,
9am – 4.30pm

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