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Please let us know of any changes.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met in church on the 18th September.

A donation has been received from the Grays Trust to provide free tickets for two of the arts project events. Update on the shrine project was given, the diocesan buildings committee has recommended the project for approval. It is hoped to form a school choir to assist with singing on the 2nd Sunday. Lindsey Parish Church will be joining the benefice at Christmas. Work to improve the west entrance for a second disabled access was approved. Rev Jackson thanked those who had been involved with the decoration of the north porch and bell tower.

Update was given from the Friends of St Mary's on past fundraising events their next event is on the 16th Nov – Jazz and Jackets.

PCC fundraising. 12-13th Oct. Harvest flower festival with the parish harvest festival service at 6.30 on the 13th. Christmas buffet supper 7th Dec.

A benefice safeguarding meeting is to be arranged.

Financial report was given. Contactless system is working well.

Full report of the minutes will be published on the website once they have been approved by the PCC at the next meeting.

If you need to contact the benefice administrator the number is 07706 188842 (weekday mornings)

SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

14th October – Susannah Marsh and Sue Jones

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RINGERS

Ringers from Devon and Somerset came to St. Mary's on 24th September and rang 1280 Umbridge Surprise Major in 49 minutes. This was the first time in this method by all the ringers but the 1100th of Surprise Major for Donald Carter as conductor.

THE BELL TOWER

The final Bell Tower retention invoice has now been paid and VAT recovered so that the final accounts for the work done to repair the buttress cracks can now be published. The complete project elapsed over four years. We successfully applied for grants from five trusts and were blessed with generosity from many individuals and local fund raising both for the tower and clock renovation. All of this means the tower is in good stead for future generations.

The Accounts rolled up over four years are as follows:

Income		Expenditure	
Grants	£19,500.00	Engineers	£5,565.00
Donations	£23,388.80	Architect	£6,098.52
Legacy	£5,000.00	Builders	£52,208.99
VAT recovered	£9,013.48		
Gift Aid	£4,774.00		
PCC Reserves	£2,196.23		
Total	£63,872.51		£63,872.51

INVALIDS

Our best wishes to all those who are in hospital, having treatment or ill at home.

2020 KERSEY CALENDAR

A calendar featuring views of Kersey is being produced. This will be on sale in the church from next week. Many thanks to Viv for putting it all together and to the contributors for the photographs.



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KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

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To reserve tables or donate prizes for the raffle:

Jonathan Marsh on 01473 822 927 or jonathan.marsh10@icloud.com

Please book by Monday 28th October to avoid disappointment!

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – JAZZ & JACKETS

It's time for Jazz again in Kersey! FoSM are delighted to announce that the box office is now officially open for sales of tickets to the last of 2019's "Swingin' for St. Mary's" jazz events. We are thrilled to be hosting the Nigel Price Trio. Formerly of the James Taylor Quartet, Nigel is a world class shining star of British groove guitar with an expertly blended, hugely exciting brand of hard-bop and soul-jazz.

Saturday 16th November is a date not to be missed and if you were lucky enough to have been at the Chris Ingham event back in July, you will know that George Double presents Jazz at its best and certain to get your body and soul beating. Food (jacket potatoes and toppings) is included in the ticket and priced at £25 per person. Availability limited to ensure venue comfort. Licensed bar provided.

Tickets at fosmkersey@gmail.com or tel 07721 625932 with all proceeds going to the restoration and development of St. Mary's Church, Kersey.

FLOWER SHOW

The Village Produce Association held its 55th Flower and Vegetable Show on September 7th. Entries were down on previous years mainly because two main exhibitors were unable to enter this time. The set-up in the hall looked good due to the purchase of new tables.

Main prize winners were: General Sir Gordon Finlayson cup for Vegetable and Fruit classes

– *Kate Banks*. Tom Evans memorial cup for runner up in Vegetable and Fruit classes – *Rachel Wells*. Shield for allotment holder with best exhibit of Vegetable trug – *Julie and Peter Gant*. Lewis Mowles shield for best exhibit in Vegetable classes – *Kate Banks* for runner beans. Challenge cup for Household classes – *Susannah Marsh*, runner up *Rachel Wells*. Wooden spoon for men's cookery class – *Roger*



PARISH NEWS (cont.)

Jones. Challenge cup for Handwork classes – joint winners *Susannah Marsh* and *Rachel Wells*. Rose bowl for Flower classes – *Kate Banks*, runner up *Julie Gant*. Prize for child 6yrs and under – *Toby Spencer*. Prize for child 7-10 yrs – *Matilda Chew*. Prize for child 11-16 yrs – *Phoebe Chew*. Challenge cup for overall winner in children's classes – *Phoebe Chew*. Challenge cup for best exhibit in children's classes – *Phoebe Chew* for handicraft. Prize for best exhibit in Floral art presented by *Joan Hattrick* – *Rachel Wells*. Prize for highest points in Photography classes – *Colin Grannell*, runner up *Ray Banks*. Prize for heaviest yield of potatoes – *Pete Partridge*. Bowling: Adult – *George Wyatt*, child – *Matilda Chew*. Bean bags: Adult – *Rev Jackson*, child *Matilda Chew*. Guess number of marrow pips – *Bob Bryanton*. Prizes were presented by *Leigh Jamieson* our district councillor.

KERSEY TYE BARBECUE

The 6th Annual Kersey Tye barbecue was a glorious day for all!

Pat and *David Partridge* very kindly hosted the annual event on Sunday 1st September. Nearly all residents of the Tye were able to come, which was wonderful, and we all enjoyed a fabulous lunch of homemade goodies. *Maureen's* sausage rolls just about rivalled *Terry's* of last year!



The annual Strawberry Shoelace Race was a tightly fought battle with *Yas Whitwell*, *Max Walker* and *Kim Daniels* (pictured) being the victors! The afternoon was finished with a massive round of Racing Demon which *Josie Partridge* proved to be card shark at!

Huge thanks go to Pat for being the chief organiser this year, and for stoking the barbecue all afternoon, also to *Scott Gray* for his magnificent tent, *Carolyn Partridge* for decorating it and *Jessie Carter* for her help and organisation. Everyone agreed that it is a really lovely afternoon, that we all love living in the Tye, and enjoyed being able to sit together and catch up.

VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past 2 months the Village Hall has been updated with new ladies toilets, new range cooker and a dishwasher in the kitchen, also lights and taps that turn off automatically when in use. The cost of all this was over £8,000.

The annual Autumn Buffet this year is on **Saturday 19th October** 8-10pm and only cost £12-50. It includes all drinks and a delicious buffet. Proceeds go towards maintenance of our lovely hall. Please support this very popular event. Tickets can be purchased from *Veronica* (01473 823188) or *Norah* (01473 827513) or from committee members.

PARISH NEWS (cont.)

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October 2019

A reminder to all Kersey parishioners that they are cordially invited to a preview of the Flower Festival during the evening of FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER. The evening starts with complimentary 'fizz' and nibbles from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm and gives an opportunity for a pre-view of the arrangements throughout the Church.

A reminder that the Festival is open to the general public throughout the weekend with coffee, lunches and teas being served on both days and we look forward to welcoming your friends and family. The church Harvest Festival service will take place on the Sunday (13th) at 6.30 pm.

Would the cake makers who have generously offered to bake for the weekend, please e-mail ***kerseyprojects@gmail.com*** and let us know when it would be convenient for us to collect.

Thank you!

CALLING ALL ALLOTMENT HOLDERS AND GARDENERS

As you will know we are holding a Harvest Flower Festival in the church on the weekend of 12th and 13th October and, as is frequently being pointed out to me, this is not an ideal time to hold a flower festival! So we would be very grateful indeed for any donations of foliage, flowers, fruits (windfalls are fine) and vegetables. If they could be brought to the church on Wednesday the 9th October, there will be someone there to receive them from 10am onwards.

In anticipation... THANK YOU.

KERSEY COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR ONLINE

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

Please take a look at the Kersey website. On the events page a Google events calendar has recently been added where you can see what social events are going on in Kersey. If you click on the event it will bring up the details.

If you are planning to organise an event please check the calendar to avoid clashes. If you would like your community event added to the calendar then please email Sarah Partridge on ***kerseypc@gmail.com*** with the details.

FOODBANK – SUDBURY

Thank you for all the donations given over the summer, left at the collection point in the church. The food helps us give to all those in need from Sudbury, and all the surrounding villages.

Roger Jones.

TAKE PRIDE IN KERSEY PARISH

THE GARDEN NOISE DILEMMA

It's been a great Summer and a warm start to the Autumn. Many of us have enjoyed working and relaxing in our gardens. Work has to be done mowing lawns and trimming hedges yet we are also entitled to 'quiet enjoyment' of our property. Sometimes, these two pastimes conflict and a few people have asked the Parish Council for advice about garden machinery noise.

Although noise from professional building work is restricted (8.00 to 18.00hrs Monday to Friday, 8.00 to 13.00hrs on Saturday and nothing on Sundays and Bank Holidays) there is no consolidated UK legislation dealing with gardening noise.

It is only a legal issue if noise becomes a statutory 'nuisance' under The Environment Protection Act (1990), which is when it becomes excessive, repetitive and unreasonable. Possible statutory nuisances include music, barking dogs, burglar alarms and machinery. Measuring and proving this is a difficult, lengthy and potentially expensive process which can sour previously good relationships between neighbours. Noise from aircraft, traffic, one-off parties and lawn mowers is not considered to be a statutory nuisance.

The law assumes we are all reasonable people and the professional advice from experts is to try and resolve these matters amicably. Whether disturbed by noise or making noise, it is best to consider what is reasonable and respect the needs of others. If you are intending to complete unusually noisy and lengthy work, it might be a good idea to mention it in advance to those affected so they can plan accordingly.

Kersey Parish Council has no statutory powers in this subject and will not intervene in disputes. If you need further information or advice, contact the Babergh Environmental Health team.

The Kersey Parish Council

KERSEY COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Remember to check 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.

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



PARISH NEWS (cont.)

TUESDAY CLUB

At the September meeting members and guests were joined by Jason Salisbury who, with his wife, run the family business Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses. All his life he has been involved with livestock in many parts of the country and it was while working at Cambridge he met his future wife Katharine. After working in Suffolk and always on the lookout for somewhere suitable they eventually were able to buy a farm at Creeting St Mary. After extensive renovation work to the farm buildings along with the farm house his dream of making cheese was realised. After many attempts and failures they never gave up and the result is eighteen tons of cheese being produced each year. They have fifty three Guernsey cows on the farm and with the new milking equipment the cows are able to come and go as they please to be milked robotically. They have been making cheese since 2009 selling from the farm, farmers markets and farm shops. They also have a vending machine where milk, cheese and eggs are available every day. They make Suffolk Gold, Suffolk Brie, Suffolk Blue and now butter. The cheese tasting went down well all that was needed was a glass of wine and a biscuit. Members were able to purchase milk, butter, cream of course the cheeses. Next year members are hoping to visit White Gate Farm to see the cows and how everything works.

Winner of the competition for “Something striped” was Andrea Sargeant.

Our next meeting is on the 5th November when we welcome back Graham Hart from Hadleigh with “Coast to Coast”. Competition is for “Something orange or sparkling”.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

If I grow a rose for you, will you grow affectionate for me?

In a few days it's Harvest Festival – Sunday 13th at 6.30pm as you asked. Our world is so fast and instant, I type a message here in the Rectory and before I can say “Cor blimey” Rachel is reading it. I mean how is that even possible? We get faster and more instant, in the world of school work before my move to the parish it began to feel like major long term strategic planning was an email sent before 10.00am on the day of the proposed event; medium term planning was an email after 10.00am; and short term planning was an email after the event asking you why you hadn't attended.

Which is not like harvest; because Harvest isn't a result of chaos, it's a result of a much more considered process of forward thinking, careful planning and planting. Sometimes life gets all washing machine like, events falling in on themselves and crashing together, we can cope with those if we have God's unseen grace and friends around us. But by God we need other times when we switch off the devices and sit, wonder, think, pray, plan, chat, stare, pray, ponder and *gongoozle*.

Last week I watched the tractor towing the seed-drill, planting food that next Harvest Festival we'll thank God for.

Not so hothouse flowers

So on the weekend of the 12th and 13th October we have the *fabulicious* Kersey Flower Festival. I am so looking forward to this, it will be a gorgeous display of colour and beauty. The skill of the arrangers always leaves me a bit speechless – yes even me. So it's with a bit of trepidation that we plan at the Harvest Festival service on the 13th to have a parish display as the climax of the Flower Festival. As you come to church, bring a bit of foliage, some greenery or a flower or two. As you arrive place it in the display just inside the south door where experts will guide you. This parish display will be the centrepiece for the service, all our collective efforts and collective presence will celebrate the extraordinary beauty of creation. The service will be simple and meaningful and not communion. See you there, can't wait to see what the Kersey community display ends up looking like!

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham

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Kersey Community Website

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Tuesday 1 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 6 Oct	16th after Trinity 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tuesday 8 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 13 Oct	17th after Trinity 6.30pm	Harvest Evensong Rev Jackson
Tuesday 15 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 20 Oct	18th after Trinity 11.00am	Cafe Church Rev Janice White
Tuesday 22 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 27 Oct	Last after Trinity 4.00pm*	Evensong Mrs Julie Boast
Tuesday 29 Oct	9.30am	Morning Prayer Lay led
Sunday 3 Nov	4th before Advent 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson

*BST ended

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KERSEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 12TH AND SUNDAY 13TH
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Over the weekend St Mary's Church will host Kersey's flower festival, arranged to coincide with harvest time.

Come and be amazed by this historic village and church adorned in floral tributes worthy of its beauty.

ADMISSION FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME.
Refreshments and light lunches can be purchased in the church.



Proceeds to Friends of St Mary's Kersey and Kersey Projects.

PARISH NEWS (cont.)

KERSEY'S TELEPHONE BOX CONVERTED TO A LIFE SAVER

Eighteen months ago, Kersey Mill made the decision to have a defibrillator installed on site. With the ever-increasing number of visitors to the Mill and neighbouring businesses in mind, it was agreed the defibrillator should be readily available to any member of the public in the event of an emergency.

For those of you who have visited Kersey Mill, you will have noticed the bright red telephone box located outside The Flower Shop, next to Glass & Craft. The kiosk was originally situated in the village of Kersey prior to its relocation to Kersey Mill to house the defibrillator. The defibrillator is registered onto the



WebNos Governance system in order that emergency services are aware of its existence. A rota system was put in place by a group of tenants who volunteer to check the defibrillator on a weekly basis and submit on-line reports to WebNos/National Defibrillator Database, so the local ambulance service is aware of its location and status. Another device is located at The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY.

At the beginning of July the emergency services had to be called to Kersey Mill after a visitor suffered a cardiac arrest as they were leaving the site. Fortunately, there were First Aid Qualified Staff nearby who responded swiftly when the alarm was raised. They were able to start CPR (chest compressions) on the unconscious casualty, while another colleague fetched the defibrillator from the site's red telephone box. The device was used to deliver an electric shock to allow the casualty's heart to stop and reconfigure its rhythm automatically. This undoubtedly made all the difference in helping to save the casualty's life, before the Air Ambulance and further medical assistance arrived on the scene. It has since been reported the casualty remains in a stable condition and will continue to make their recovery in hospital. Everyone at Kersey Mill would like to extend their best wishes to the casualty and his family and are also extremely thankful to those involved in coming to the rescue.

Do you know where your nearest defibrillator is located?

According to the UK Resuscitation Council 'if you are more than 5 minutes away from medical help, local initiatives are essential. In these situations, access to emergency first aid techniques, including CPR and using a defibrillator, can make the difference between life and death'. Statistics provided on the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) website indicate 'death from cardiac arrest, if untreated, is about 97% of cases. With the correct and rapid treatment, survival to hospital can, in theory, be raised to around the 70% mark, but this assumes rapid action, good CPR and also the timely use of a defibrillator.'

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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Squirrels (Reception):

Squirrels have quickly settled into our school routine. They are enjoying learning all about Africa using books such as Elmer and Handa's Surprise to help. We have been doing lots of fun activities including painting, cooking, building, dancing and singing. We are all extremely excited about our trip to the science museum in London later on this month.

Hedgehogs (Years 1 and 2):

In Hedgehogs, we are learning all about Africa. We have learnt about the world's seven continents and where Africa is on a world map. We will be learning all about the landscapes and animals that can be found there. We are really looking forward to our trip to the Science Museum next week where we will be exploring our science topic on living things and their habitats. In English, we have been working hard learning all about nouns, adjectives and verbs. In Maths, the Year 1 children have been thinking about ordering and comparing numbers to twenty. Year 2 have been looking at place value and comparing numbers to 100. We are really looking forward to learning lots more this year.

Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

What a great start to the year we have had in Badgers class this term. Our topic this half term is 'Living in a Material World'. So far we have looked at fashion from the 1900-1940s. We have even created our own ration books. We were shocked to find out that we wouldn't be able to afford half of our wardrobe on our ration coupons! In Science we are looking at different forces and created our own experiment to test how much friction different surfaces had. There were cars flying all over the classroom. We cannot wait for our trip to the Science Museum in London next week and our cross country competition at Hadleigh High School on Friday the 20th.

Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls have started the term with their topic on Plastic Problems. They have been learning about the impact of plastic on our planet and what they can do about it on a personal and local level. As part of their work in DT, they have designed their own eco-friendly rubbish bins; they are going to build prototypes over the next few weeks. In Science, they have begun to review their learning about materials, which links really well to their topic. We can't wait for our whole school trip to the Science Museum next week to learn even more!

Come and visit!

We will be holding open events on Monday 4th November and Tuesday 5th November where you are welcome to come and have a look around our school anytime between 10am and 2pm.

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL NATIVITY will be taking place on **Wednesday 18th December** at 1:30pm in St Mary's Church, Kersey – get into the festive spirit and come along if you can.

KERSEY SCHOOL would like to invite you to join us for our **OPEN THE BOOK** assemblies on **Wednesday 16th October** and **Weds 27th November** at 10.20am in the church for approximately 20 minutes. This is a lovely service where the children bring Bible stories to life with drama. – **You are most welcome to join us.**

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 or visit our website: www.kersey.suffolk.sch.uk

FARMING NOTES

Arable:

After completing what was a very successful harvest, the dry spell continued which enabled us to get on with the post-harvest ploughing and cultivations. This tends to be an even busier period than harvest as most of the arable area needs to be turned around ready for autumn drilling. This year the soil was dry and hard during this cultivation period so we made slow progress and used up more wearing parts than usual, although the addition of an extra tractor and a new set of disc cultivators helped things along nicely! Fifteen tons of wheat and 12 tons of barley that we set aside for seed has been dressed and treated ready for sowing which I hoped would get under way on Monday 30th September, however as I write on Saturday 28th it is raining steadily and more is forecast, so we will have to be patient and continue with maintenance until the conditions allow us to continue. Meanwhile the rain is very welcome as the sugar beet, grass and newly sown OSR will all benefit greatly and further cultivations will be easier and less costly.

Hornless (Polled) Cattle:

Most breeds of cattle have horns. The notable exceptions to this are the Red Poll, Hereford and Aberdeen Angus breeds. All of the main continental commercial breeds (including British Blues) are naturally horned. The reason that you don't see animals in the fields in Kersey with big horns is that we disbud them as calves. The disbudding process which is done with anaesthetic and a hot iron, as well as being time consuming,



can cause an element of stress to the calf. It therefore follows that to integrate the polled gene into our cattle would be advantageous. Our continued involvement with Cogent (the genetics company to whom we have now sold a total of 20 British Blue bulls) has resulted in them approaching us to see if we would play host to some polled British Blue embryos. Cogent supplied us with 12 very sought after embryos from a polled British Blue cow which we implanted into crossbred recipient mothers. Of the 12 embryos implanted we were pleased to find that 9 developed into pregnancies. Because of the way the genetics work there is a 50% chance of resulting calves carrying the polled gene and therefore being hornless. The first three calves from this deal were born in September and we were pleased to find that 2 of them are hornless. We hope and expect that these calves and subsequent ones will form part of a special breeding program which will eventually result in Cogent being able to offer polled British Blue genetics for use to produce beef from dairy

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cows. The economic advantage for dairy farmers, who may produce hundreds of crossbred beef calves each year, of using the polled gene are considerable. However, it is crucial that other important genetic traits are not compromised. We therefore hope to gradually integrate the polled gene into the pedigree herd. An exciting but long term project!

Sheep:

We will soon be splitting the ewes into flocks ready for mating and introducing the rams. If all goes to plan this will result in lambing starting in March 2020. The recent rain is very welcome and the resulting flush of grass may boost fertility and lamb numbers. We will soon be taking some 2019 born finished lambs to the abattoir for private slaughter. If you would like one for your freezer please call Sarah and Chris on 01787 210859. We also supply trailer loads of farm yard manure for gardens and allotments.

WEATHER

Rainfall for August: 41mm (1.6")

Maximum temperature: 30°C (86°F)

Minimum temperature: 9°C (48°F)



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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 9th September under the chairmanship of John Hume. Five councillors were present plus clerk and five members of the public. The district councillor attended for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from one councillor and County Councillor.

Babergh District Councillor Leigh Jamieson spoke about bus cuts, climate change and investing in retail.

County Councillor Robert Lindsay had sent a report which included costings for work at the crossroads and the SLOW sign on Cherry Hill, chaos with school transport and the proposal for the reduction in councillors.

Parish time: A member of the public asked about the uncut verges especially on Cherry Hill. These had been reported a number of times. The hedge in Vale Lane still hadn't been cut. Concerns were raised about the number of pilgrims who might visit the village following the proposed re-hallowing of shrine in St Mary's Church and what facilities there are for them.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerks report: The clerk had written to Suffolk CC about the bus routes. It has been confirmed that the bus service to Sudbury via Kersey is to continue until June 2020. Uncut verges have been reported. Potholes can be reported direct Suffolk CC via the website. The handrail and steps on the footpath opposite Kersey Mill have been replaced. Application for a grit bin on Church Hill has been refused because it is on a gritting route. It was agreed to appeal as a bin is necessary on this site.

Amongst correspondence were items on the bus services, Rights of Way improvement plan, reminder on applications for CIL funding and the cost of the Parish Council election in May.

Parish council insurance renewal was agreed.

Finance: Bank balances were noted and expenditure agreed. Bank mandate had been updated and new signatories added. Internal audit would be carried out in October.

Planning progress: Ballyquirke, Kersey Farm – Babergh council had granted permission for erection of three sheds and also for an extension and alterations at River House. Application for erection of two dwellings at Kersey Mill had been refused by Babergh and now an appeal has been dismissed by the planning inspector. Land South West of Vale Lane – A housing needs survey had been submitted resulting in re-consultation. The Parish Council had no further comments to make.

Footpath working group: All paths are walkable.

KCPC: There had been problems with the mower but volunteers have been able to keep the grass cut. Annual ROSPA inspection is due this month. Quiz night date 1st November. The group will be meeting soon to discuss new equipment. It was noted that volunteers carry out general maintenance but not major replacement

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projects. KCPC had requested funding for new equipment from the Millennium book fund. It was agreed this money could be used. Councillors agreed to purchase a replacement bench for the playground.

Road safety in the parish and at the A1141 Crossroads: Some work to clear the bank had been carried out but visibility is still poor. It was noted that the warning signs are faded. One suggestion was to site a mirror opposite the junction to help drivers see oncoming traffic better. Suffolk CC had given an estimate of costs to erect warning signs and SLOW markings on the road. After a long discussion councillors agreed that the Highway authority should pay for any road safety works. They thought that improving the signage would not solve the problem and landscaping to improve visibility was what was needed. Landowner to be written to. Speeding is still a concern at Wickerstreet Green. It was agreed to see if a mobile speed camera could be sited in this location.

Suffolk CC had sent an estimate for SLOW road marking on Cherry Hill. Councillors agreed that this wouldn't influence drivers to reduce their speed. Verges being left uncut were discussed. A letter of complaint to be sent to Suffolk Highways department.

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan: Following an article in the newsletter only two responses had been received. It was agreed to deliver a flyer to every household in the parish.

Joint Local Plan Consultation: Councillor's discussed this and agreed. It was left to the chairman and clerk to draft a response to Babergh council.

Neighbourhood Plan: Councillors had a long discussion on whether Kersey should have a Neighbourhood Plan. It was eventually agreed there was not enough support at the present for producing one. It was agreed to consider at a future meeting whether to carry out a housing needs survey.

Noisy garden machinery and the disturbance caused: An article to be put in the newsletter.

Replacement warning triangle on old school sign: Following the theft of the triangle in January a replacement has been found. It was suggested a collection box could be put in the Bell for donations towards the cost. Kersey projects may also be able to help with funding.

Clerk's job appraisal will be done in October.

Training: The clerk hoped to attend a training session in October. Three councillors are due to attend a two day course in November.

Police and parish forum: A short written report was given on the talk on Crime Reduction and Prevention for home owners and businesses.

Next meeting: 18th November.

HEALTH ADVICE

SMALL CHANGES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

That is the message, as Suffolk County Council launches a new campaign looking at our relationship with alcohol.

Four short films have been produced following the stories of characters ('Billy Binge', 'Tellybox Trish', 'Big Match Barry' and 'My Time Mandy'), speaking about when and where they drink alcohol. The films cover different habits when it comes to alcohol consumption; weekend binge drinking, drinking at home, drinking as a reward, and excessive drinking to celebrate an event or occasion, such as a football match.

The campaign offers guidance and advice about how much is too much, the benefits of reducing alcohol intake and the small changes people can make to their drinking habits, which can make a big difference to their mental and physical wellbeing.

Evidence suggests direct links between alcohol and heart and liver disease, diabetes and some types of cancer. Alcohol is also highly calorific, contributing to weight gain. It can also influence the quality of sleep and take its toll on physical appearance over time.

The campaign highlights that as well as the health benefits, reducing alcohol consumption can also bring social benefits, such as being able to spend more quality time with your loved ones, saving money for something more meaningful and losing weight.

Some of the small changes suggested by the campaign are:

- Did you know that you drink more slowly when you're sitting than when you're standing? So, pull up a chair, take it easy and savour your drink.
- Rounds make it very easy to drink more than you planned. When it's your round, why not quietly buy yourself a soft drink or a lower-strength beer? You can substitute every second drink with water, non-alcoholic beer, coffee or a soft drink.
- A great way to avoid overdoing things is to drink with your main meal only. And keep that bottle off the table. Just pour one glass and put it away!



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

As I write the summer is coming to an end and it's been strange weather-wise. We've had plenty of rain, but when its been hot it's been extreme. I like a warm day as much as the next man, but some of the hot, high 30°C, days that we've had this year have been uncomfortable.

Are these examples of climate change or just freak hot days? You only have to look at the heat wave across the Channel, which killed hundreds and broke records in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, to see something is amiss.

On top of this there are droughts in countries around the world, including Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, parts of Thailand, Australia and China, to name a few. Then, recently Hurricane Dorian broke all the wrong records as it decimated The Bahamas. All these examples concur with the scientific evidence that Climate Change is happening.

It is timely, if not a little late, that Suffolk County Council and the District councils have acknowledged a Climate emergency. Babergh and Mid Suffolk approved their Climate emergency motion back in July in which they set out several proposals, detailed in my report this month.

While we support these proposals, for us in the Green Party, they are not strong enough. With time running out we need more than aspirations.

The commitment of the Councils is worrying when you see bus cuts, support for more roads and approval of housing developments in villages that have no services and no access to services other than by car. If we are going to make these commitments, as a council, we need to back them up with real actions, even if they are uncomfortable.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr)

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DIARY DATES

- 11 Oct – Parish residents harvest festival preview 18.30-20.30
12 Oct – Harvest festival 10.00-17.00
13 Oct – Harvest festival 10.00-17.00
19 Oct – Autumn buffet Village Hall 20.00-22.00
21-25 Oct – Half Term holidays
27 Oct – British summer time ends
1 Nov – KCPC quiz..... Village Hall 19.30
5 Nov – Tuesday club Village Hall 19.30
6 Nov – School Christmas Fayre St Mary’s church 9.00-13.30
16 Nov – Jazz & Jackets Village Hall 19.00
18 Nov – Parish Council Village Hall 19.30

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