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# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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01473 657349 rev@kind.church

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and vacant position.

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**Weddings:** For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice Wedding Clerk – Jenny Cox 01473 652466.

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## SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

18th February - Frances Whymark and Carol Barrett.

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## THE 9am SERVICE AT KERSEY CHURCH EVERY FIRST SUNDAY

Following the response to the trial period over the past few months of an early-morning Communion service it has been decided to continue with the service on the 1st. Sunday of each month.

It seems that many people prefer the idea of a short said service and this traditional version from the Book of Common Prayer fits the bill.

We welcome anyone who feels that they would like to start their day in an atmosphere of calm and quiet and who prefers the familiarity of the wording of the BCP service to come and join us.

(Revd. Jackson says he will ensure that anyone who wants to listen to the omnibus edition of "The Archers" will be able to get home in time!)

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## SUPPER

A Christmas buffet supper was held on the 8th December. Almost 60 people came and enjoyed the buffet and raffle with the evening ending with the singing of some favourite wartime songs. £565 was raised for St. Mary's church. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a successful evening.

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## DONATIONS

Thank you to the 77 households who have donated so far towards the newsletter costs. It's not too late to give your donations: they are welcomed at anytime. We deliver to 200 households so still a way to go. (See page 18 for details.)

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

## BAPTISM

Henry Charles William Lowe was baptised at St. Mary's on the 12th January. Henry is the son of Ed and Helen Lowe of Vale Cottage, Vale Lane.

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## MOVE

Farewell to Sheila Edwards who has moved from Vine Cottage to Waterfield House at Hadleigh.

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## THE FOODBANK – SUDBURY

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items during December and the Christmas period. This helped us to feed 385 individuals of which were 235 adults and 150 children.

**Roger Jones.**

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## IN MEMORIAM

On 11th December Harry and Linda Buckledee returned home to Kersey. This was where they attended school, married and lived for many years and it was their wish that their ashes were interred in the churchyard. A small group of close family attended a moving ceremony conducted by Rev Jackson. "Together forever and much missed."

His Honour the Rev. Brian Watling QC died on the 30th November after being unwell for some time. Many of us remember Brian and Noelle when they lived at Boutells in Kersey in the 1980's. They were great supporters of the church and for a time Brian served as churchwarden. He trained as a non stipendiary minister as well as carrying on his work as a judge. He was laid to rest in Polstead churchyard in December. Our sympathy goes to Noelle at this sad time.

We send our sympathy to Trevor Martin and family on the death of Carol who died in December. She will be greatly missed by husband Trevor who had looked after her during a long period of ill health. The funeral service conducted by Rev. Jackson took place at St. Mary's on the 11th January and was attended by a good number of family and friends.

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (cont.)

## BELL RINGERS

Six bellringers rang out the old year on half muffled bells. The muffles were removed and 12 midnight was rung before ringing a short touch of Bob Minor and partaking in light refreshments.

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## KERSEY CHURCH BOOK STALL

There is a large selection of books and magazines for sale from the book stall in Kersey Church. Do come and see if there is anything to suit your taste. All donations go towards the upkeep of the church.

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## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church meeting is scheduled for 3rd April at 7.30pm in St Mary's church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The year to end of 2018 will be reviewed, finances discussed and the election of PCC members and Officers will be held.

We do have one or two places to fill on the PCC: an Electoral Roll officer (someone who keeps a short register of those of the congregation who wish to be on the Roll) and a Safeguarding Officer (someone who can keep an eye on regulations and ensure we are all compliant with the law). We may be able to consider these two roles by co-opting members for a shorter time only.

If you feel you could help the PCC with some aspect of this administration or you have any other time to offer, then please do contact Linda Newbigging (Secretary) [lindanewbigging@btinternet.com](mailto:lindanewbigging@btinternet.com)

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## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

The PCC would also like to say thank you to everyone interested in supporting the new Friends of St Mary's Church in some way. It is heartening to see that so many of you are interested in this lovely building and helping to secure its future. We wish the new charity good luck with its new ventures.



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# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

**An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council** was held on the 14th. January. Present were Chairman John Hume, five councillors, clerk, district councillor and thirty seven members of the public.

## **Vacancy:**

There is a vacancy for a parish councillor following the resignation of Mrs V. Partridge.

**Minutes** from previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

## **Planning:**

Babergh council have granted permission for alterations at Sampsons Hall.

Application for erection of two dwellings at Kersey Mill has been withdrawn.

Linton House: Plans were on view for application to build two bungalows in the garden of Linton House. A family representative gave a presentation on behalf of the applicants. It would be on a similar footprint to existing outbuildings which would be demolished. This proposal would provide much needed smaller accessible properties in the village replacing many which have been lost over the years when smaller cottages have been made into one. One bungalow would be for the applicants to live in the other would be sold. It was stated that Linton House would eventually be sold if application was successful.

The meeting was opened so members of the public could speak. The majority who spoke were against this proposal although they had every sympathy for the applicants who were long standing residents of the village. Some of the reasons being it was a special landscape area, loss of privacy, effect on surrounding listed properties and destroying the character of the village.

Councillors had been and visited the site and after discussion it was agreed not to support this application.

**AOB:** Concerns were raised about the number of HGVs which use a business on Cox Hill, Boxford They were causing problems at the junction in Boxford and it had been suggested that an alternative route could be via Wickerstreet Green. This road is narrow and difficult for vehicles to pass. Residents have been in touch with the County Councillor.

Sadly the red triangle on the top of the old school sign on Church Hill seems to have been stolen.

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Family and friends?

Jesus did a funny old thing once: He was being called “Lord” by some of his disciples and he stopped them and said “my followers are my friends”.

Friends are the most valuable asset anyone can have. I mean you get a family whether you want one or not – I can tell you a story sometime about how I got to meet my in-laws and it still makes my eyeballs bleed when I think back to it – but friends, they're different.

There's something about the mixture of shared experience, mutual dependency and the fragile ephemeral nature of a relationship with no blood ties or legal obligation. At 23 we had all the friends we wanted, but that's not always the way at 43, 63 and 83. Some make friends just by walking into a room. Introverts like me find it hard work – my wife is still shocked by my continued social awkwardness, or social inadequacy, as she called it last week.

But hey, people come and go don't they? Well you and I are old enough and wise enough to know that you blumin' well hold on to your friends because like adult teeth once they're gone they are gone. A life lived without putting your trust in people lacks basic humanity, a life where friends have gone is a life lived at arm's length.

We're coming in to the season of Lent soon, we hear those stories of friendship tested in the fires of betrayal, fear and anger and see what it is to be a brave and loyal friend. Somewhere in the middle of it all I may tell that story of meeting my in-laws for the first time; or I may not, we'll see.

Meanwhile when it's just me, on my own, like now typing this article, I have a friend who has been loyal and true and there when I have needed him, I hope I continue to have the strength to tell others about him.

## Quick look busy - the Bishop is coming!

Sunday 31st March at 10.30am is the Mothering Sunday service and the visit of the “big” Bishop, Rt. Rev. Martin Seeley, who will be launching the year of preparation for the re-hallowing of the ancient shrine in St Mary's, Kersey. A few special things planned for the Mothering Sunday service, and I promise we will

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH (cont.)

be finished by 11.30am because those lunch reservations must be kept. You have booked somewhere haven't you? He says, finishing this off to go and phone The Bell...

All the best,

**Rev Jackson.**

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3 February	5th before Lent 9.00am	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Jackson
Tuesday 5 February	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 February	4th before Lent 11.00am	Holy Communion (CW) Rev Jackson
Tuesday 12 February	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 17 February	3rd before Lent 11.00am	Cafe Church Rev John Druce
Tuesday 19 February	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 February	2nd before Lent 4.00pm	Evening Prayer Mrs Julie Boast
Tuesday 26 February	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 March	Next before Lent 9.00am	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Jackson

# VILLAGE NEWS

## TUESDAY CLUB

A Christmas party for members was held in December. A logo game was won by the two Sarahs.

The 2019 programme is now being arranged. There is no meeting in February, looking forward to March: John Robinson will be coming to talk about his holiday in Russia.

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## CAROLS AT THE BELL

The Bell's annual carol singing evening on 17th December raised £74 for EACH. Thank you Janet and Wendy for your hospitality and Verity and all her musicians. As always it was a great evening.



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## OPENING SOON – THE MILLER’S KITCHEN AT KERSEY MILL

Following the recent closure of The Copper Kettle, the coffee shop café at Kersey Mill is due to open on Monday 28th January. Under new management and re-branded The Miller's Kitchen, it has been sympathetically refurbished and now provides additional comfy seating areas in the downstairs 'furnace room'. Set within beautiful grounds at Kersey Mill with ample, free car parking nearby, the Miller's Kitchen is the perfect retreat to relax and unwind. The new menu offers a wide variety of hot and cold refreshments, speciality teas and coffee, fresh locally made cakes, afternoon and cream teas, tasty breakfasts as well as appetising light bites, lunches, hot meals and a specials board – all at affordable prices. A licensed bar is due to open soon, please visit the Kersey Mill website at [www.kerseymill.net](http://www.kerseymill.net) for further updates.

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We would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their loyal support and custom over the past 4½ years. We are so happy to have grown into such a part of the local community and wish you all well – Rosie Waller

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## MISSING – LOST – STOLEN!!

The red warning triangle from the top of the old village school/road junction sign on Church Hill went missing during a 48 hour period 20/21st December. Please return if taken or found.

From: "Very upset of Kersey", Anon (Tel. 827330)

# VILLAGE NEWS (cont.)

## VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

At the VPA meeting the show schedule was arranged. It was agreed for the outing to visit RHS Wisley on the 6th July.

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## NIGHTINGALE TRUST

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## FESTIVE PARTY

Almost 80 people enjoyed Kersey's Festive Party that started Christmas off with a bang back in December. Dan Sharp entertained everyone with an excellent performance.



Beginning with some festive numbers while we enjoyed the delightful offerings from our own



“Sozzled Chefs” and a few games; before breaking into an impressive selection of old and new favourites. Feedback on the whole event – food, entertainment, fun! was very positive and requests made for a repeat in 2019!

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## CHRISTMAS TREE

Very many thanks have to go to Adrian and Natalie Blyth for their tremendous work in erecting the Kersey Christmas tree and lights, and to Kersey Projects, who sponsored it all. Villagers and visitors alike enjoyed the tree – sited this year on The Splash. It really did help to get us all in the mood for the festive season!

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## WEATHER

Rainfall for November: 60mm (2¼” approx.)

Maximum temperature: 13°C (55°F approx.)

Minimum temperature: -1°C ( 30°F approx.)

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## **Squirrels (Reception):**

In Squirrels class we are looking at the topic people who help us, looking at jobs such as vets, policemen, firemen and doctors. We are looking what they need to do in their jobs and who they may help.

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

Hedgehogs class have been learning about the Ice Age and have had lots of fun with experimenting with ice and seeing which is the best way to melt it. We shall be learning about the pre-historic animals that lived during the Ice Age and writing our own fact files about the creatures, as well as making our own cave paintings.



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

What a busy start to the term we have had in Badgers class. We have been really excited about starting our new topic 'The Romans.' It's great because it has a really strong link with our topic of 'Crime and Punishment' from last year. Our topic has also filtered through to maths this week, as we have been learning all about Roman Numerals. They have been tricky to learn but by using lots of code breaking activities we have got there! In RE we have read the story of 'Jonah and the Whale' and over the next few weeks we are hoping to sew a patchwork to retell the story. Wish us luck!

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

Owls have been thoroughly enjoying the start of their new topic on the Mayan civilisation, finding out about where the people settled and who or what they worshipped. They are also looking forward to visiting Framlingham College to take part in a singing day with renowned songwriter and musician, Lin Marsh.

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# FARMING NOTES - January 2019

## Arable:

Since last writing we have completed harvesting the sugar beet crop in reasonable conditions without too much disruption from mud on the road! Indeed, conditions have been so good that we have been able to plough all the land that was sugar beet and have sowed two of the fields with spring malting barley between January 8th and 12th. This is a full 2 months earlier than usual, and would not have been possible had we received the normal winter rainfall.

Sugar beet yields have been reasonable considering last summer's drought, and we have sent 1,960 tonnes of crop to Bury sugar beet factory. This represents 65 tonnes/hectare (26 tonnes/acre) and is about 18% less than our 5 year average due to the dry growing season.

The new lean-to has been satisfactorily completed and is currently full of machinery, allowing plenty of storage space for 180 tonnes of fertiliser, for the new growing season, in the other buildings.



The new lean to full of machinery

## Livestock:

The main ewe flock which totals just over 100 including last year's ewe lambs, spent most of November and December enjoying the two fields of stubble turnips which we grew near the Kersey play area. They have now moved back onto one of the grass fields where the open autumn has allowed the grass to keep growing.

The March lambing portion of the flock have been pregnancy scanned by a contractor using an ultrasound scanner: 6 ewes were empty and will be sold, 25 will have single lambs, 40 will have twins and 4 sets of triplets were predicted. The two Blue Texel ewes which were flushed for embryos produced 7 embryos which resulted in 7 pregnancies. The scanning information is useful as feeding and housing can be adjusted to suit the ewes. A different small group of 14 ewes



# FARMING NOTES - (cont.)

lambled over the New Year period producing some Pure Suffolk lambs, some of which we hope to show in the summer.

All of the cattle are housed and the cows have also been pregnancy scanned, 8 were found to be barren and 4 of those have been sold, the rest of the herd are in calf with single calves (which is normal) except for four which are pregnant with twins, these four have been separated and are being given extra rations. Calving is due to start in early February and should be completed by May.







A small autumn calving group of cows resulted in 5 calves being produced in December; one of these had a breech presentation and had to be delivered by caesarean, a necessary but costly operation.

Four more of our young British Blue bulls have been selected by Cogent and after thorough health tests and veterinary checks they are due to go to stud to produce semen which Cogent will sell for use to produce beefy calves. We have been and will be implanting more embryos in partnership with Cogent. More about this in a later issue.



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# DIARY DATES

28 Jan – Parish council.....	Village Hall.....	19.30
<i>18 to 22 Feb – Spring half-term holidays</i>		
4 Mar – Parish council.....	Village Hall.....	19.30
5 Mar – Tuesday Club .....	Village Hall.....	19.30
13 Mar – Church Council.....	Orchard Barn.....	19.30
31 Mar – Service for launch of year of preparation for re hallowing of shrine... St. Mary's .....		10.30
3 Apr – St Mary's AGM .....	St. Mary's .....	19.30
8 Apr – Annual Parish Assembly.....	Village Hall.....	19.30
11 May – Plant sale.....	St. Mary's .....	14.00-16.00

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