

KERSEY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

March 2019



Sunset over Vale Lane

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

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01473 657349 rev@kind.church

Church Wardens:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

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

SWEEP AND DUST

Weeks beginning:

- 4th March - Ruth Anderson and Sue Attridge
- 18th March - Louise Gibbons and Rachel Wells
- For Easter - Sat 20th April from 10.00am. Please come if you can.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will take place in St Mary's Church on the 3rd April 7.30pm. The first part of the meeting is to elect churchwardens this will be followed by the annual meeting when any vacancies are filled and reports given. Anyone is entitled to stand for election as long as they are a communicant and on the church electoral roll.

SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to the family of Alan Frost formerly of The Uplands who has passed away.

INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to those who have been in hospital or receiving care at home.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 31st March

You are invited to a special service to celebrate Mothering Sunday. To be held at 10.30am in St Mary's church. The service will be conducted by Revd. Jackson and will be attended by Bishop Martin. Family and friends from the village and beyond are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 28th. January. Present were five councillors, clerk, County and District councillors and ten members of the public.

Apologies were received from one councillor.

Vacancy. Stuart McQuaker was co-opted to fill the vacancy on the council.

Reports. Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsay spoke of the council's announcement to cut funding to Citizen Advice Bureaus as part of budget savings. This will now be phased over two years. Councillors agreed unanimously to a motion put forward for SCC to do more to tackle single use plastic waste in the county. Nothing was agreed for tackling carbon emissions. A new person has been appointed for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure. Plans to build a big bridge over the Orwell in Ipswich have been dropped. Plans for two smaller bridges will still go ahead. He also spoke about much needed investment for Special Educational Needs children and a schools admissions consultation.

District councillor Alan Ferguson gave his best wishes to everyone for 2019. He said this would be an interesting year both national and local. He went on to speak about developments concerning the Local plan. Plans for development at the Corks Lane building have been approved by Babergh but still has to be approved by the planning committee. The planning committee has approved development for Angel Court, this will be demolished and replaced by 21 new dwellings. Looking ahead to 2020 this will be a challenging time concerning the budget. The proposal for free brown bins will not happen.

Minutes from the last meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerks report. Winter gritting would be carried out on all P2 routes in Kersey when necessary. The grit bin in Vale Lane would be topped up. Following concerns about HGVs using Wickerstreet Green as an alternative route to access a business on Cox Hill, Boxford the council has been assured there would be no extra traffic.

Correspondence. Amongst correspondence was a letter from a group of residents regarding the way a planning matter had been discussed at the last meeting. The meeting was informed that all councillors had acted correctly.

Finance. Bank balances were shown



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES (cont.)

and discussed. No payments had been made since last meeting. Payments were due for clerks salary and expenses.

Babergh Communities Strategy. It was agreed that anyone could respond to this as an individual rather than send a response from the Parish Council.

KCPC. The chestnut fencing around the play area needs to be replaced. Estimates are being sought. One piece of play equipment is unsafe and has been removed.

Footpath working group. All paths are walkable. Some directional posts have been replaced. Dog mess continues to be a problem on certain paths. It was agreed to purchase three new dog bins to make it easier for dog walkers to dispose of bags. These to be sited at the top of the path opposite The Priory, on the triangle at the top of Vale Lane and one in Wickerstreet Green. These bins are being sponsored by Kersey Mill and The Bell.

Community Infrastructure Levy Expenditure and Parish Infrastructure Investment plans. After discussion it was agreed to go ahead with a plan. Four councillors would form a sub committee.

Election. Parish Council and District Council elections will be held on the 2nd May. Nomination papers will be available in early March and must be submitted by the 3rd April.

Litter collection. Date agreed was 2nd March. Litter picker's hi-vis jackets and bags will be available.

Budget and Precept. The budget was confirmed and the precept was set at £7,990.

Training. An update was given on individual training sessions. It was agreed to try and arrange some planning training for the whole council.

Babergh Area meeting. Two councillors had attended. One query raised was about poor signage for road closures and removal of signs when work is completed. Any problems should be reported on the SCC website.

AOB. It was asked if anything could be done to encourage home owners to remove bins from the roadside when they have been emptied. They look unsightly and are sometimes in a dangerous position. An informal meeting is to be held to discuss the idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish time. A member of the public didn't think the council should start looking at a Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Infrastructure Investment plans until after the elections. There could be new councillors with conflicting views. Councillors agreed that the work of the council would not stand still until after the election. Concerns were raised about the gritting especially on Church Hill. It was requested that a grit bin should be put in this location. Concerns were also raised about speeding on Church Hill and other parts of the village. An item to be put in the newsletter asking residents to slow down.

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Parish Council Elections Thursday 2 May 2019

Kersey Parish Council has 7 seats to fill at this election

Parish Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community. Whatever their background, local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team. Parish Councillors undertake their duties voluntarily, supported by the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government embedded in the community with a broad responsibility for the well-being of their local neighbourhood. The work of the Parish Council includes:

- **Representing the local community**
- **Improving local quality of life**
- **Delivering services to meet local needs**
- **Managing a budget to support their work**

The Parish Council initiates and supports, with the help of volunteers, a variety of projects in Kersey to improve our quality of life. Projects include the installation of the defibrillator, managing the playground, the footpath network and keeping Kersey litter free. The Parish Council can also influence other bodies and tiers of local government, including through planning recommendations and raising matters of local concern.

The Parish Council works in the best interests of all residents in the whole parish to ensure Kersey is a great place in which to live, learn, work and visit.

Would you like to get involved in making real decisions affecting Kersey? Improve things in the village and put something back into the community in which you live.

If yes, then please stand as a Parish Councillor for Kersey.

For nominations papers please contact:

Kersey Parish Clerk Sarah Partridge - 01787 210859 [**kerseypc@gmail.com**](mailto:kerseypc@gmail.com)

Completed nominations papers must be hand delivered, by appointment only, to a Babergh officer by Wednesday 3 April 2019.

For more information about Kersey Parish Council go to the Kersey website:

[**www.kersey.suffolk.gov.uk**](http://www.kersey.suffolk.gov.uk)

FARMING NOTES - March 2019

Arable:

The spring malting barley that we sowed in early January (mentioned in last month's notes) has emerged satisfactorily, albeit rather slowly due to the cold weather, although the current spell of spring like conditions should help. These same conditions have encouraged us to apply all 80 tons of base fertiliser to all winter cereals and Oilseed Rape. This fertiliser product contains all the necessary phosphate and potash along with the first dose of nitrogen and a small amount of sulphur to aid speedy intake of the aforesaid. It is interesting to note that the sulphur has only been necessary since the mid 1990's as previously enough sulphur was present in the atmosphere. This shows how much industrial pollution has been eliminated.

We have also been working on one of our meadows doing a once in 30 year operation, including coppicing the hedge, re-digging the ditch and renewing the livestock fencing. This

always looks rather drastic but coppicing is necessary to keep the hedges in good health for the long term, and the scars are quickly eliminated by Mother Nature.



A field of newly emerged Spring Barley

Cattle:

After selling some cull cows, young bulls to Cogent and some finished animals over the Christmas period, cattle numbers dropped to an annual low of 155 head in January. Calving started as expected at the beginning of February and at the time of writing about 40 (half) of the calves have been born. It is a busy time: as well as overseeing calving and assisting some deliveries; we spray the navels of



Pedigree British Blue Embryo calf, with her surrogate Simmental cross mother

new-borns on arrival to reduce infections, it is then essential to make sure that they receive adequate amounts of colostrum (mother's first milk) in the first few hours of life. Calves are tagged and recorded in the first couple of days, and dehorned at about two weeks of age.

Some of the new arrivals are the result of embryos collected and implanted 9 months

FARMING NOTES - (cont.)

ago. These have resulted in some smart pedigree British Blue calves being born to crossbred recipient mothers, hopefully adding value. British blues can vary in colour from white to black. Dairy customers prefer to use white bulls while farmers buying our bulls to produce beefy calves from suckler cows tend to go for the blue, black and white, or black versions. The darker animals are usually preferred at shows. But as my father used to say: "A good horse is never a bad colour".

Sheep:

These notes are being written at 3 am! At lambing time we try to check the sheep (which have just been housed), every hour or so. Sarah helps a huge amount during this time, both during the day and while I sleep during the evening, I am then available from 2 am onwards. Some ewes need assistance and we want to make sure that lambs get a good start and a tummy full of colostrum ASAP. The main aim is to keep as many of the lambs alive as possible.







During quiet times this does allow time to read and catch up with paperwork and still leaves me available all day for other routine tasks. Our social lives go on hold for the three weeks of main lambing...

See you in April!



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

All I need is a miracle

Human beings are amazing. Our capacity to collaborate and create is astonishing. Now don't mock but I've been listening to my old Genesis albums and apart from making me feel a bit fey, they thrill with the capacity, in a disparate group of people, to create something beautiful. All the research shows that the more diverse a group of humans, the more creative; when it's open to influence from outside it grows; but when it begins to define itself by what it is not, by what it excludes, then it stagnates and dies. Like the later Genesis stuff.

I believe that the spark of creativity within each human is the spark of the Holy Spirit, "In the beginning God created..." millions of years before we arrived, God set the process of evolution in motion, and it ended up with you and me. Kind of gives us a big responsibility to do something with it.

Even the dog has taken to his bed

As I'm writing this I have one of the worst and most virulent cases of swine-flu-bird-fever that any human has ever experienced. It's so virulent I'm worried in case you catch it just by reading about it. There's something in there about me emailing it to the editor but it would be rejected by the anti-virus software, but I'm too ill to reach the joke.

My wife, in a very public act of marital betrayal, published on Facebook two text messages I sent at my darkest hour:



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"I'm cold, can you get the heater and a hot drink? And I need my inhaler"

"By the way darling I think you're lovely"

Apparently I turn into a high maintenance overly grateful needy blob when I'm ill.
Can't help it, illness has always made me feel sick.

Hope this finds you better than that.

Rev Jackson.

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham

Telephone: 01473 657349

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd March	Next before Lent 9.00am	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 5th March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Wednesday 6th March	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm	Benefice Ashing Service St.Mary's, ALDHAM
Sunday 10th March	1st of Lent 11.00am	Holy Communion (CW) Rev. Jackson
Tuesday 12th March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 17th March	2nd of Lent 11.00am	Cafe Church Mrs. Julie Boast
Tuesday 19th March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 24 March	3rd of Lent 4.00pm	Evening Prayer Rev. Gerald Drew
Tuesday 26 March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 31st March	Mothering Sunday <u>Benefice Service</u> 10.30am	Re-hallowing of Shrine Bishop Martin Seeley Rev. Jackson
For information: Sunday 21st April	EASTER DAY 11.00am	Holy Communion Rev. Eric Fisher

VILLAGE NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

The programme for 2019 has been arranged, I have tried to book a variety of speakers and I hope you will find something during the year to interest you. Anyone is welcome to attend. We normally meet in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm (It sometimes changes, see newsletter each month). £1 each meeting which includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

Our first meeting of the year is on the 5th March when John Robinson will be coming to talk about his “Russian holiday”, Village Hall 7.30pm. Competition: “Item featuring a place name”.

On **MONDAY** 1st April Village Hall 7.30pm our meeting will be “Grill the Vicar” when Rev. Jackson will be joining us. Competition: “Comical”.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall annual anniversary lunch is being held on 7th April. Tickets are limited and cost £16 for a two course meal, these are available from Norah Orriss 01473 827513.

ARE YOU A GROWER, BAKER OR MAKER?

Now is the time to start thinking about what to grow or which items of handicraft you might like to make for the flower show which this year is on the 7th September. Schedule is included with this newsletter.

At the recent VPA meeting it was decided the outing for 2019 would be to RHS Wisley on the 6th July. The cost for coach and entrance to gardens is £27 each. If you are a RHS member entrance to gardens is free, cost of coach is £15 per person. Payment must be made when booking is made. Cheques payable to “Kersey VPA”

The Annual meeting is in the Village Hall on the 18th March 7.30pm.

HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Hadleigh Choral Society is pleased to announce the details of their upcoming spring concert: St. John Passion by J.S. Bach. This choral work will be performed in the original German text at St. Mary’s Church, Hadleigh on Saturday 6th April at 7:30pm, and will feature professional soloists along with the Colchester Symphony Orchestra, John Cooper on harpsichord and David Butcher on organ. Christopher Phelps will conduct this musical retelling of the story of Christ’s arrest, trial and crucifixion, in what promises to be a memorable evening full of wonderful music-making.

Tickets are £14 (free admission for under 25s) and will be available on line through www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, members of the choir, or The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh. For more information contact 01473 823 791.

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ALLOTMENTS

Do you enjoy 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.

TOWN GRANT BRINGS BRAHMS TO STOWMARKET

Local choral society Stowmarket Chorale was delighted recently to receive news of the success of their grant application to Stowmarket Town Council. The £500 grant will help fund the Chorale's concert of Brahms' popular Requiem, Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer and pieces by Purcell and Britten. It will take place on Saturday 30 March, at 7.30pm, at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket – tickets are £15 (children/students free) from the Chorale's website or on the door. The members of the 65-strong choir meet to rehearse every Wednesday evening at Chilton Primary School, enjoying the well known benefits of singing - physical and mental health, wellbeing, social cohesion, and downright fun! They put on three or four concerts a year, hiring professionals to take the solo and instrumental roles, and enable the residents of Stowmarket area to enjoy high quality live classical music on their doorstep. Find out more at **www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk**

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS AND FABRIC

After the meeting at the Church on 8th January 2019, it was decided to set up 'Friends of St Mary's Church' to raise funds to protect, restore and develop our beautiful church building.

As we started the process of registering the new Charity we spoke with St Mary's Bell Ringers, whose Charity was registered to protect the bells and tower over 50 years ago.

With great effort and support from the then villagers the Charity raised sufficient funds to replace the rotten infrastructure in the tower and increase the bells to 8 and have them ringing for the first time in 70 years.

The original Trust will now be adjusted so that it looks after the maintenance and protection of the bells and also protects the development of the fabric of the building.

If you would like to know more or become a member or 'friend' of the Trust and make a donation, please contact: Mark Rigby rigby.mark@yahoo.co.uk; the Secretary, Mary Pearce m.e.pearce@btinternet.com; or the Treasurer, Bruce Newbigging at bruce.newbigging@rathbones.com.

Member: minimum £25 per annum.

Donor member: £100 per annum.

Benefactor member: £500 per annum.

If you would like to know more about the bells and how to become a bell ringer or donate towards the work to protect and maintain our wonderful church bells, please contact Neville Whittell on 01473 822616 or neville.whittell@btinternet.com.

Mark Rigby

Our first concert will be in aid of the Fabric of the CHURCH BUILDING – See below.

Friends of St Mary's Church (Fabric)

Our FIRST CONCERT will be in aid of the Fabric of the CHURCH BUILDING and is planned to be held on Saturday 6th April, at 6.30pm.

The Beech Duo, a classical duo, will be performing live at St Mary's in the North Aisle. Tickets are £10 each including a welcome glass of wine. Or splash out on a table for four or six people and enjoy some wine and canapé share plates during the interval. A table of four is available at £65 and a table of six is available at £100, both include ticket prices.

There will also be a licensed bar available during the interval and after the concert.



VILLAGE NEWS (cont.)

FOLLOW THE KONDO TREND!

Sale Trail with Plant Sale – Saturday 11 May 2019

We are joining forces this year with the annual plant sale in the Church and hosting a **SALE TRAIL** throughout the village. Take the advice of Marie Kondo and axe the possessions that no longer give you joy! We are offering you a table space – either outside your home, or elsewhere in the village – for just £5 a pitch for you to sell all your pre-joy items!

We'll have a map of all the pitches, so book your space early so that we can allocate you a number and put you on our map.

Send your details to: kerseyprojects@gmail.com for us to process your booking.

The annual **PLANT SALE** will, as usual, be held in the Church on the same day with teas and light lunches available at the Village Hall. Donations of cakes for teas in the Village Hall will be gratefully received!

Proceeds from the plant and trail sale will go to St Mary's Church, Kersey. More details later.

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FLY-TIPPING

Around 27th or 28th January this rubbish from somebody's new flooring and bathroom was dumped on the road to Bildeston just north of Kersey.

If you know who is responsible for this, or any other incidents of fly-tipping, please report them. It's your countryside too!

Everyone has a legal responsibility or 'duty of care' to make sure that all waste from their household or business is disposed of correctly and doesn't end up being fly-tipped. Some people make money by charging to take waste away

illegally and then fly-tipping it. You could face penalties of up to £5,000 if you don't check that the company or person you give waste to disposes of it correctly.



If you discover fly-tipped waste, there are some dos and don'ts:

Don't:

- Don't touch the waste - it may contain syringes, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.
- Don't disturb the site - there may be evidence that could help identify the fly-tippers and lead to their prosecution.

Do:

- Visually try to work out what the waste consists of and how much there is - take photos if it is safe to do so.
- Make a note of the day, date and time you saw the tipping, its exact location and whether it's in or near water. Keep any notes you make, even scribbled ones, as they can be very valuable as evidence.
- Report it to Babergh District Council as soon as possible.

If you witness someone fly-tipping, make a note of:

- How many people are involved and what they look like.
- What has been dumped - how much and what it looks like.
- Details of any vehicles involved including make, colour and registration number if possible.
- Call 999 if the incident is still in progress.

Be very careful. Remember that fly-tippers are doing something illegal – they are unlikely to welcome people observing them or taking notes or photographs

WEATHER

Rainfall for January: 23mm (nearly 1")
(January 2018 - 53mm (2" approx))

Maximum temperature: 8°C (46°F approx.)
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4 Mar – Parish council	Village Hall. 19.30
5 Mar – Tuesday Club	Village Hall. 19.30
13 Mar – PCC	Orchard Barn. 19.30
18 Mar – VPA Annual meeting	Village Hall. 19.30
31 Mar – Service for launch of year of preparation for re-hallowing of shrine.	St. Mary's 10.30
1 Apr – Tuesday Club	Village Hall. 19.30
3 Apr – St Mary's Annual meeting.	St. Mary's 19.30
6 Apr – Beech Duo in concert.	St. Mary's 18.30
7 Apr – Village Hall lunch	
<i>8 to 22 Apr – Easter holidays</i>	
8 Apr – Annual parish assembly	Village Hall. 19.30
15 Apr – Village Hall Annual meeting.	Village Hall. 19.30
7 May – Tuesday club meal	
11 May – Plant sale.	St. Mary's . . . 12.00- 16.00
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