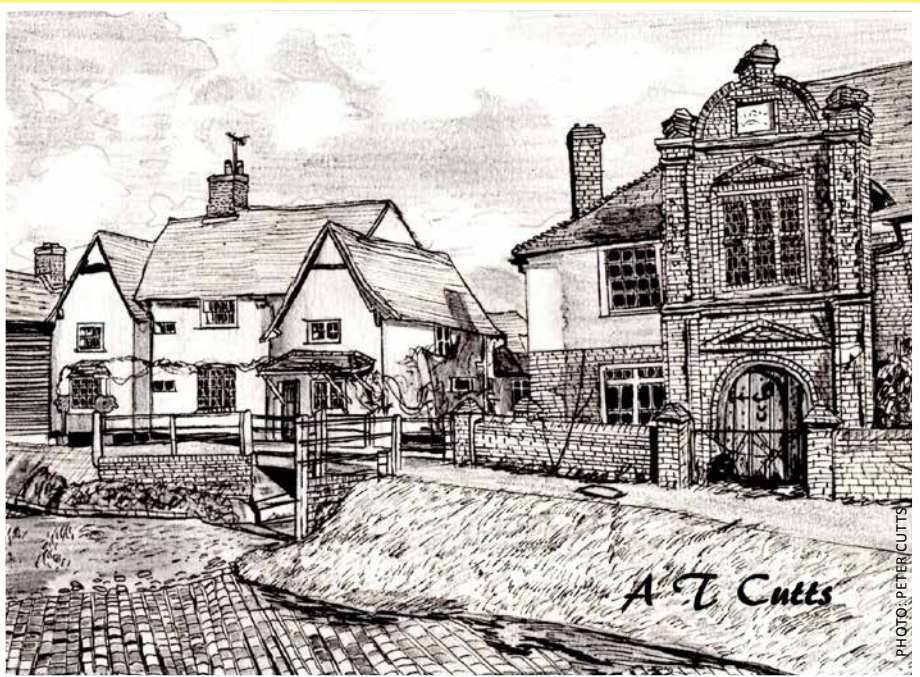


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Please let us know of any changes.

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Elder: Mrs Julie Boast 01787 249511.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact the Benefice administrator 07706 188842 weekday mornings.

REVISION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

I have recently taken on the role of Church Electoral Roll Officer and the Electoral Roll for St Mary's Church in Kersey is due for its annual review. It is an opportunity to add to or change any current entries.

An explanatory notice has been put in the church, or I could email a copy on request. Enrolment application forms need to reach me by Tuesday April 7th. Copies are available on the notice board in church or via email from:

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SUDBURY FOOD BANK

A big thank you to everyone who donated items over the new year. It was greatly appreciated and helped so many people in need in this area. **Roger Jones.**

PLANT SALE

The annual plant sale is being held in church on the 9th May. It will soon be time to think about seed sowing and transplanting seedlings, please remember the church sales table if you have any spare plants. We are grateful for any type of plants to sell on the church table.

MOVES

Farewell to Mark and family who have moved from 2 Vale Corner. We extend a welcome to all new residents who have moved into the parish.

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PARISH NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

Our first meeting of 2020 will be on 3rd March when John Robinson is coming to tell members about his holiday in Central Asia. Village Hall 7.30pm. All welcome. *Competition: Holiday souvenir.*

I am still finalising this years programme. It gets harder each year trying to think of something or someone different to suit everyone.

THE KERSEY BELL

Forthcoming events at The Bell Inn:

Sunday 8th March – **Albert Strangler’s Blues Band** from 7.30pm.
Blues, beer and banter with Jackson Crompton-Battersby and his band.

Saturday 21st March – **Vintage Sale** 10am to 4.30pm.

Sunday 26th April – **Charity Fun Day**. In aid of the National Autistic Society and Addenbrookes Hospital for Children’s Leukaemia.

Live music, games, cake stall etc.

Great food and always a great atmosphere.

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

At the recent meeting it was agreed we visit Bressingham gardens and steam museum. This will be on Saturday 27th June. Price £20 for coach, museum and gardens. Cheques to Rachel Wells payable to “Kersey VPA”.

Flower show date 12th September. Show schedule enclosed with this newsletter.

Annual General meeting is being held on the 16th March Village Hall 7.30pm.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S

Presents: The Kelvedon Singers. A 25 strong choir will be singing the Hummel Mass amongst other fabulous hymns, and songs to celebrate the coming of Spring. Directed by Mr Christopher Phelps, they will perform at St. Mary’s on Saturday 25th April at 7pm. Tickets are £15 in advance including glass of wine or £17.50 on the door.

Please note, that in order to benefit from the full choral acoustics of the church we are limiting the number of seats for sale to the South Aisle only. A full musical programme will be available in the April edition of this newsletter.

For tickets please contact: 07721 625932 or fosmkersey@gmail.com

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KERSEY OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 6th June 2020. We have had a marvellous response to our invitation to open Kersey gardens again this year. All but one of the gardens that opened in 2018 are joining us plus some fabulous new ones. It's not too late to be included, so if you'd like to open, please e-mail: ***kerseyprojects@gmail.com***. Do be reassured that this is a Kersey event, by Kersey people, for the benefit of Kersey people. This year our main donation will go to St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich who serve our parish with their wonderful care.

VILLAGE HALL

The annual Village Hall anniversary lunch this year is being held on the 19th April. Tickets costing £16 with a choice of a two course meal can be purchased from Norah Orriss 01473 827513.

HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Dramatic and majestic in its sound, the organ will feature prominently in three choral works at Hadleigh Choral Society's upcoming Spring concert. All are invited to attend as we perform a series of musical depictions of biblical psalms, requiem mass, and heartfelt poems. Latin, Hebrew and English plus a bit of Gregorian chant harmonisations will all be on the menu as the Choral Society sings Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, Requiem by Maurice Durufle and Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Directed by Christopher Phelps, the choir will be accompanied by professional soloists (*Mezzo soprano* Nina Bennet, *Counter tenor* Tim Travers Brown, and *Baritone* Owain Browne), along with Organist Tom Bell. Harp and percussion instruments will round out the musical ensemble.

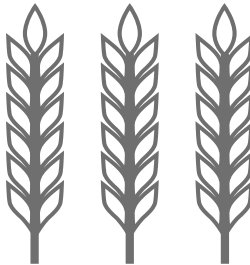
Join us for this evening of celebratory praise through these well-loved choral classics, two of which made their debut appearance at such esteemed venues as Chichester and Worcester Cathedrals.

Concert details: 28th March, 7:30pm at St Mary's Church in Hadleigh (IP7 5DT). 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.

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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Squirrels (Reception) and Hedgehogs (Years 1 and 2):

Our topic this half term has been toys. The children have enjoyed learning about old and new toys. Even getting to make their own toy at a special toy workshop. Getting to use drills, glue guns and hammers to create. Well done to the children for their sensible behaviour and engagement while creating. They also enjoyed making bird feeders and taking part in the RSPB bird watch.



Badgers (Years 3 and 4):

We have had great fun this term in developing our knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians. We have started to design our own canopic jars and finding out how mummies are made. We never knew it took such a long time! We enjoyed our trip to Colchester Zoo and used it to write some fantastic pieces of writing. We have also been developing our fractions knowledge in maths, we been speaking lots about cake and pizza!

Owls (Years 5 and 6):

Owls class have been busy as usual this spring term. In January on a cold winter's day we went to Colchester Zoo. It was rather chilly! Some highlights included seeing the baby white rhino and seeing the tigers, giraffes and zebras. The zoo staff taught us about predators and prey. Thank you to Kersey School 'Friends' for enabling us to go on our lovely trip. We have enjoyed our English story/novel 'Pax' by Sara Pennypacker. This is the story of a young boy Peter and his pet fox Pax. He had to leave Pax behind in the woods due to the war, now he has run away to try to find him. We have been writing predictions, diary entries and writing in the past tense. We have enjoyed it very much.

By Imogen and Eva.

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

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Giving up or picking up?

As many of you know I've been on a diet – since the 31st December actually. I started that day so that I could tell everyone I started last year. It's a weird regime called the Keto plan. I've been addicted to carbs all my life and Keto has none of them. It's the most insanely mind bendingly irritating and annoying thing I've ever had to do. It turns out that everything nice is full of carbs. Everything in a bright coloured packet at Lady Lane garage is just carbs. Pies are out; pizza and chips are duds; Cakes are a distant memory and have been replaced with leeks and dust.

Shopping is now a boring chore that takes forrrrrrevvvvverrrrr. Anything with more carbs than fibre is banned. Visiting is awkward as Vicars and parishioners are pre-programmed to have tea and choccy biccies whilst chatting. Biscuits are out and tea is fine if it's black. Yuk.

So when someone asked me yesterday "What are you giving up for Lent" I nearly cried. I mean there isn't anything left!

But I need to find something. Lent needs a giving up, not because it's about being miserable – it really isn't – but because it reminds us every time we do a routine that it used to include. It could be food or it could be drink, or a TV channel or maybe email in the evening

Giving something up for Lent will nudge, nag and remind us every single day to take something else up. Like forgiveness, generosity or using less plastic. Giving something up bugs us to be better.

So recycle that hair shirt into something kinder and more forgiving. Me? I'm giving up moaning about my diet, everyone who asks me from now on will get a cheery reply and an offer of a bean sprout brownie. Seriously, for six weeks I'm Mr Keto Positive and every single time it'll remind me to pick up a good character habit. That's all God basically ever wants us to do, strive to be a bit more like the person He believes we can be.

Church services

Please visit our website at www.kerseychurch.org for information on church service times and details. For the time being all our Holy Communion services will be wafer bread only with no wine or common cup. That's reassuring and sensible and we'll carefully monitor the situation and make wise choices.

God bless you all.

St Mary's Church PCC

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby.

Vicar of Kersey, Elmsett, Aldham, Hintlesham & Chattisham

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 March	1st of Lent 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tues 3 March	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 8 March	2nd of Lent <u>10.30am at Splash</u>	Re-hallowing of north Chancel as a Shrine followed by PARISH SERVICE Bishop Martin
Tues 10 March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 15 March	3rd of Lent 11.00am	Cafe Church, short Communion Rev John Druce
Tues 17 March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Sunday 22 March	4th of Lent 4.00pm	Evensong (Mothering Sunday) Mrs Julie Boast
Tues 24 March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay Led
Sunday 29 March	5th of Lent 10.30am (BST)	BENEFICE SERVICE Aldham Church, Rev Jackson
Tues 31 March	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Lay led
Easter dates:		
Sunday 5 April	Palm Sunday 9.00am	Said BCP Communion Rev Jackson
Tues 7 April	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 12 April	Easter Day 5.00pm	PARISH SERVICE/ Communion Rev Jackson

Kersey Community Website

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for latest news, information and updates.*

FARMING NOTES

Arable:

February has seen some dry periods, although none extended enough to allow us to do a serious amount of catching up with the wheat drilling. We were able however, to drill two fields that had been recently ploughed after sheep feed and sugar beet, with the latest drilled winter wheat we have ever sown. We hope there will be enough cold weather to allow vernalisation to take place (unlocking of the seed's potential). We have spent a lot of time and energy clearing up trees and hedge shrubs that have been damaged in the high winds which we are experiencing most weekends! There is also building alteration work going on and of course the usual machinery maintenance.

Cattle:

After a fantastic four week holiday in New Zealand visiting Alice, travelling and enjoying the NZ summer while it rained at home, Sarah and I were pleased to get back to find the livestock looking well, having been cared for by Lawrence, Ryan Rob and Jimmy. Our return was timed to be just before calving was due to start, so it was straight back to work. Calves have been arriving at the rate of about one a day since early February. Although most of the cows (particularly the experienced older ones) manage to birth unaided it is important to keep a close eye on things and intervene when needed. This is very much the case when pedigree British Blue calves are due because as well as being more valuable they tend to be more muscular and are less resilient than crossbred calves.

It is now more than 18 months since the breeding company Cogent (our main buyer of pedigree bulls) asked us if we would consider using some of our commercial breeding cows as hosts for some pedigree Aberdeen Angus embryos. A deal was struck and we were duly sent 25 frozen fertilised embryos which were imported from the USA. (Embryos, like semen can be stored in liquid Nitrogen at minus 195°C). These embryos were implanted into cows and heifers in June and the resulting calves are due to be born in March. The embryos were sired using male sexed semen so we are expecting a high proportion of bull calves, which Cogent will buy back to use in their stud.

Sheep:

The ewes were pregnancy scanned in January and although 14 were empty (presumably due to the ram problem mentioned previously) there were 9 sets of triplets, 40 twins and 27 singles. These are mainly pedigree Suffolk ewes but also include a few crossbreds and 2 pedigree Blue Texels. The ewes have been out at grass all winter despite the very wet weather and will be housed for lambing in March.

FARMING NOTES (cont.)

Bridges Farm Open Day:

If you are still reading this item presumably you are interested in what goes on down at the farm! We are delighted to be offering you the chance to visit and see all the animals on Saturday 4th April. See the flyer with this newsletter or visit ***www.kersey.suffolk.cloud/events***. All proceeds from this event will go towards the upkeep and fabric of the beautiful building that is Kersey Church.

TAKE PRIDE IN KERSEY PARISH

A note from the Footpath Working Group (FWG)

As the winter sun rises across the Kersey landscape we are reminded that another stunning Spring season awaits all of us across our beautiful Parish.

Our wonderful group of volunteers have already begun the task of repairing and cutting a number of footpaths ahead of the spring growth to ensure they are open and accessible for all the residents and of course the many visitors to Kersey that will visit the village in the weeks up to Easter and beyond.

There is much work to be done on a number of footpaths to bring them all up to a good standard for our many walkers and these will be discussed at the forthcoming March meeting of the FWG.



We are totally reliant on walkers advising the members of the Footpath Working Group of any footpath that becomes inaccessible. If you find this to be the case or see any damaged posts, steps or signage on a footpath please send a note to the Chair of the FWG by email or text message.

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PARISH COUNCIL

A parish council meeting was held on the 3rd February.

Present were Chairman John Hume, five councillors, clerk, district councillor and one member of the public.

Apologies were received from two councillors and county councillor.

Reports:

County councillor **Robert Lindsay** had sent a report which included an item on the budget for 20/21. The council has agreed funding for Citizens Advice for the next three years. New specialist units being provided for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are due to open in September. A new permit system is being set up to enable utilities to apply for roadworks this will be easier to ensure roadworks are done on time and do not overrun.

District councillor **Leigh Jamieson** said councillors are reviewing the budget in the coming weeks which will include a proposed increase in council tax, change to empty property discount, increase in long stay car parking charges, increase in council house rents and for sheltered housing tenants. Babergh will also support the Citizens Advice.

Parish time: A welcome pack for new residents should be available soon.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerks report:

Babergh council have confirmed precept request. Following complaints about verge cutting in 2019, Highways have confirmed that all verges in the village are on the schedule for 2020. The calendar on the Kersey website has been updated with all 2020 events. Correspondence was noted.

Finance: Accounts and financial statements were shown and payments approved.

Planning:

Linton House, The Street. Appeal against decision for erection of single storey dwelling. This appeal has been dismissed by the planning inspector.

Red house farm, Wickerstreet Green. Plans had been discussed at a previous meeting. This application has been withdrawn.

Barn adjacent to Red house farm. Alterations to agricultural building to form dwelling to include installation of additional roof lights. This application will be considered at the March meeting.

Footpath working group:

Mowers have been serviced. New volunteers are needed. Footpath at the bottom of Vale Lane has been cleared. Steps on Path 16 are getting worn and will soon need repairing.

KCPC: Quotes have been received for a disabled swing.

Road safety at the Crossroads: Discussion had taken place with the land owner about cutting back trees and shrubs to improve visibility. Semer parish council have concerns about the speed of traffic on Union Hill and would like to see a 40mph through to Stone Street which would include the crossroads. It was agreed to write a joint letter to SCC from Kersey and Lindsey highlighting concerns at this junction and to get improvements to road signage which has faded.

To consider whether Kersey should carry out a housing needs survey: More research had been done and after much discussion it was agreed not to go ahead as it would

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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

mean a lot of work at a large expense. It was felt that owners of empty properties should be encouraged to carry out works to make the houses habitable.

To consider ways to disseminate information to residents: Councillors agreed the newsletter was an excellent source of information but as this is a monthly edition at times some things needed to be published more quickly. After discussion it was agreed word of mouth works well in Kersey. Notice boards are also available.

Concern of HGVs travelling in Wickerstreet Green: A councillor felt that the new “No HGV” sign at Boxford would increase traffic through Wickerstreet Green. The owner of the business on Cox Hill to be invited to a council meeting.

Spring Litter Collection: Date set for the 29th February. The chairman would co-ordinate with the volunteers. The school children would also be invited to take part again. The chairman will launch the Kersey Volunteer Group (KVG) with a briefing to all volunteers at The Bell before the litter collection.

Training: Three councillors had completed a two day course with SALC. The clerk had attended a networking session.

Forthcoming meetings: No one was able to attend the Babergh liaison meeting. One councillor would attend the Police and parish forum.

AOB: Landowners confirmed that they do not have any pigeon scarers operating at night following concerns about shooting noises heard after dark.

Clerk to check when speed surveys will be carried out in the village.

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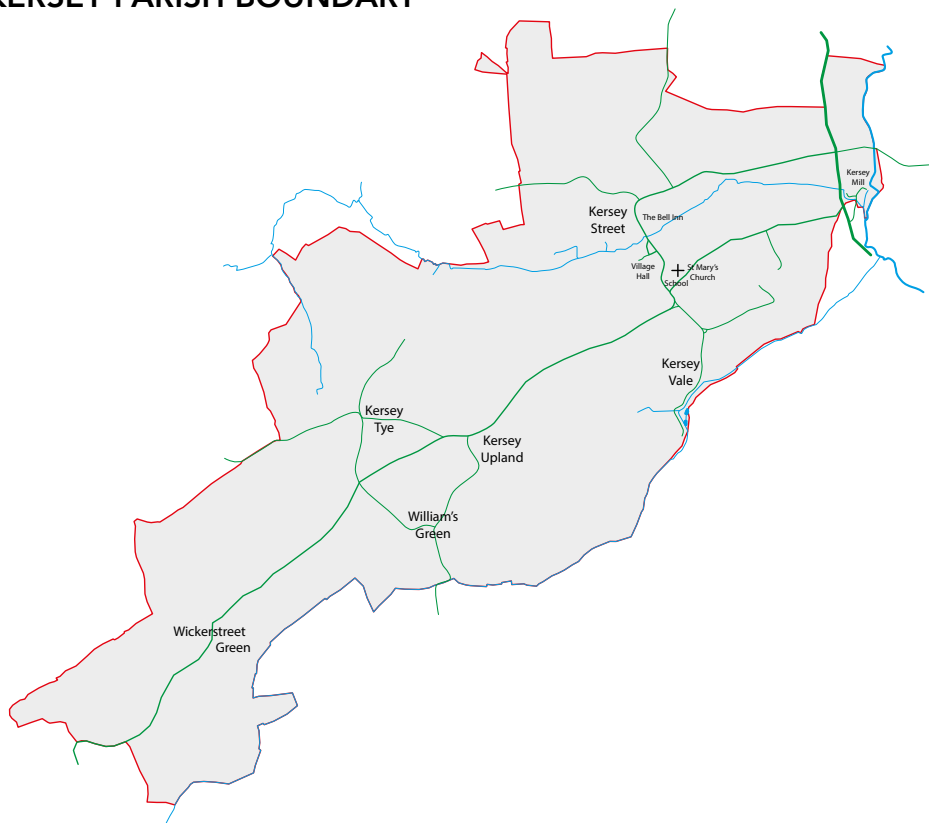
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**Please remember to keep
dogs under close control
where necessary and to
clean up after them.**



DIARY DATES

2 Mar	– Parish Council meeting	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
3 Mar	– Tuesday Club	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
8 Mar	– Re-hallowing of Shrine	..... The Splash	.....10.30
16 Mar	– Village Produce Assoc. AGM	.. Village Hall	.....19.30
18 Mar	– Parochial Church Council	.... St Mary's church	.....19.30
4 Apr	– Open Farm Day	..... Bridges Farm, Kersey Tye	.12.00~17.00
6 Apr	– Annual Parish Assembly	.... Village Hall	.....19.30
7 Apr	– Tuesday Club	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
19 Apr	– Anniversary lunch	..... Village Hall	
20 Apr	– Village Hall AGM	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
22 Apr	– Parochial CC Annual meeting	. St Mary's church	.....19.30
25 Apr	– Kelvedon Singers	..... St Mary's church	.....19.00
9 May	– Plant sale	..... St Mary's church	.....14.00
11 May	– Parish Council Annual Meeting	. Village Hall	.....19.30
6 Jun	– Kersey Open Gardens		
27 Jun	– VPA outing to Bressingham		
6 Jul	– Parish Council meeting	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
25 Jul	– Swingin' for St Mary's	..... Village Hall	.....TBC
7 Sep	– Parish Council meeting	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
12 Sep	– Flower Show	..... Village Hall	.....14.15~17.00
16 Nov	– Parish Council meeting	..... Village Hall	.....19.30
28 Nov	– Kersey Christmas Party	..... Village Hall	.....TBC



High water level at the Splash back in December