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Police The non-emergency number to call if you want to contact the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999).

Please let us know of any changes.

Defibrillators – There are two AEDs located within the parish at **The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY** and **Kersey Mill IP7 6DP**.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

Rev. Jackson Crompton-Battersby.
01473 657349 rev@kind.church

Church Wardens:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

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

CRAFT FAYRE

A summer craft fayre raised over £1,000 for Kersey church, Friends of St Mary's and Kersey School.

BELL RINGING

On June 5th, 540 plain Bob minor was rung for the start of the Platinum Jubilee Open Air Service and Street Party.

Christine Howe 1, Kathleen Banks 2, Nikki O'Halloran 3, Mark O'Halloran 4, Neville Whittell 5 con, Robert Howe 6.



MONEY FOR MUCK

Thanks to Kersey resident Donne who looks after two rescue horses Crusader and Jack. £70 was donated to the Ukraine appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Matthew Grannell and Rosie Worth who were married at St Mary's on the 4th June. We wish them every happiness for the future.

Also to Jim Pryke who was presented with a long service award at the Suffolk Show for his many years working on the Partridge farm (pictured below).





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VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

An outing to Bressingham gardens is being organised for the 16th July. The coach will leave the Old Vicarage at 10.00am before going on to Hadleigh. Cost of coach and gardens is £20 per person.

Numbers are a bit low at the moment so don't forget to book in with Rachel Wells as soon as possible. Preferably by the 1st/2nd July. Cheques payable to Kersey VPA

KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Would you like to help make Kersey a great place to live, work and visit?

If you are thinking yes, then please consider becoming a Kersey Parish Councillor. There are currently two vacancies that can be filled immediately. Kersey Parish Council is committed to working together with the residents of Kersey for the benefit of the whole parish. If you are interested please get in touch with the Chair, **John Hume 01473 810098** or the Clerk, **Sarah Partridge 01787 210859**, kerseypc@gmail.com.

LIVE JAZZ AT ST MARY'S

The hugely popular '**Derek Nash Trio**' will be performing at St Mary's, Kersey in September!

Derek is the saxophone star of the **Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Band** and will be accompanied by George Double (drums) and Jim Watson (keyboard).

The Trio will be playing for us on Friday 2nd September. Doors will open at 7.30pm and the music will start at 8.00pm.

Tables of six or eight are available and as before, please 'bring your own' refreshments including wine, soft drinks, glasses and any snacks. There will also be a limited bar in case you run out of anything!

Tickets are now on sale at £17.50 or £15.00 for FoSM members.

Please email Jackie at fosmkersey@gmail.com or call on **07721 625 932** to book your places.

TUESDAY CLUB



At the June meeting members were joined by Rev Holly Crompton-Battersby who gave a very interesting talk on her life and work. The inspiration for her talk came from a book she has read many times "History of the world in 1000 objects" She now has another book but with 100 objects. She didn't bring along 100 objects but just a few to remind her of a life growing up, student years, work and family life until present day. Competition for "Something with a royal theme" was won by Liz Hanson with a dress she wore at a coronation party.

On the 5th July we welcome back an old friend Chris Parfitt from Rendlesham who will be showing pictures of Cornwall. Village Hall 7.30. Competition "Something Cornish".

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On 2nd August “Wild flowers of the French Alps” with Tina Loose from Boxford. Village Hall 7.30. Competition “A flower”.

WEATHER (for May)

Rainfall 39.5mm (1.5")
Maximum temperature.....24°C (75°F)
Minimum temperature 4°C (39°F)



Thank you to Kate Banks who records the weather for us in Wickerstreet Green.
The rainfall amount sometimes varies in different parts of the parish.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

The June **500 Club** draw took place in the church on with independent witnesses and the winners were:

1st Prize – D Hutton
2nd Prize – C Partridge
3rd Prize – J Crompton-Battersby

Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has already joined the club.

Details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery, plus all membership information can be accessed at: www.kerseychurch.org/fosm

Or for further details please contact either **Mark Rigby** on **07484 649235** or **Mark Pertwee** on **07919 166782** or email fosmkersey@gmail.com.

GRAYS’ TRUST, KERSEY

It is, once again, the time of year that the Grays’ Trust reminds you all that we will be expecting applications for educational grants for the academic year 2022/2023 **by the 31st August**, for consideration at our September meeting.

Applicants must be residents of Kersey and may be either pupils attending years 12 and 13 of school, students at college or university, or mature students enlisted in re-training, or further training courses.

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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Acorns (Reception, Years 1 and 2):

We have had a great first week back at School this half term and have already begun exciting art and design creations. This half term the children will be focusing on mini-beasts and bugs and we cannot wait to watch our very own caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! We also hope the children have enjoyed watching their sunflower and bean plants grow over the half term. I have seen some wonderful pictures of you replanting them in the garden or allotments.

Oaks (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6):

We have begun a new unit of learning in both English and Maths. In Maths, we are learning about statistics, revising our knowledge of bar charts and pictograms, and moving onto line graphs and even pie charts for the Y6s! In English, our learning is centred around a biography; so far, we have learned some of the features of the text type, to help us when we come to write our own. The focus of our writing will be the life of Sir David Attenborough and children may wish to do some additional research about him at home.

Our music lessons continue to be fun and enjoyable and we are busy preparing for an end of term performance to parents. We are looking forward to having a weekly French lesson led by Madame Miller, from Hadleigh High School; this will be a great opportunity for us to get to know her before some of us move up to secondary school. Our brilliant Art afternoons with Mrs Quinn begin again very soon; we have loved the activities and learning so far and can't wait to continue with our creations.

If you happen to make a telephone call to school and the lovely Mrs O'Halloran is not able to get to the phone, you will be welcomed by one of our Year 6 pupils who are now responsible for recording voicemail messages. Many thanks to Lilly for our current voicemail!



We are pleased to inform you of another exciting development from September: we will be moving to three classes. This will mean an average class size of ten pupils, which is better than in many private schools, ensuring a remarkable degree of individual learning support. For subjects such as sports we will revert to combining classes but this three class structure will be in place for the majority of the week:

Class 1 - Reception and Year 1
Class 2 - Years 2, 3 and 4
Class 3 - Years 5 and 6

If you would like to know more about Kersey School or you would like to arrange a visit please ring the office on **01473 823397**, email: kerseyoffice@tilian.org.uk or visit the new website www.kersey.suffolk.sch.uk.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sunflowers

They are amazing aren't they? Most years my children come home at some point with an embryonic sunflower in a yoghurt pot, for their parents to neglect and kill off. I mean come on though, it takes literally all my available mental capacity to get up in the morning, make five breakfasts, go to work, do my work and make dinner for everyone. I have no spare head-space for the care of plants thrust upon me in the name of a broad and balanced curriculum.

Still they are amazing. They literally follow the sun, they twist and turn and face it through the day. And through thousands of years of evolution they've learned to move like they have muscles. And through thousands of years of doing this, gazing, day after day at the sun, they've somehow come to look like what they're gazing at - note well, there's a cracking sermon in there, you wait and see - videos are on YouTube of whole fields of sunflowers gazing upward and moving in unison as they follow the sun.

It's a thing of such remarkable beauty, the creation of God in perfect harmony, symbiosis, adoration and resemblance inter woven.

It's also true that we need sunflowers. Not just for my Morrisons speciality bread rolls with sunflower seeds on - you know something is extra healthy when it has visible seeds don't you - but we need Sunflowers for their oil. Ukraine is the world's biggest exporter of sunflower oil, and the Russian invasion has made farming, producing and shipping all but impossible, sending global prices higher and shoppers from London to New Delhi scrambling for limited bottles of the gold-coloured liquid. The massive shortage of sunflower oil and wheat will lead to 47 million people starving.

We've built an interconnected and inter dependent world, where the vanity of one man in Russia leads to 9.3m Venezuelan people, who were already reduced to one meal a day, being unable to afford even that.

There is no quick fix or solution to the agony of Ukraine, we in this country had to face down the evil of Nazi tyranny for six years; we pray God that Ukraine will not have to wait so long for freedom from the evil invasion they are enduring.

But until then, at least this year, the sunflowers will remind us of the innate beauty of God's creation, that speaks of His power and of our fragility.

There are storms to come, good people, storms that have already burst upon Ukraine and will reach many shores before this crisis has passed. May our prayers be true and may we find comfort in the words sung by Larry Norman

"Don't ask me for the answers, I only have one,

That we all leave our darkness, when we follow the Son".

Rev Jackson Crompton-Battersby

Vicar of Kersey

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

3 July	9.00	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jackson
10 July	11.00	Parish service	Rev Jackson
17 July	18.30	Evensong	Rev Liz Law
24 July	11.00	HC Aldham (No service at Kersey)	
31 July	18.00	Benefice Evensong at Elmsett	
7 Aug	9.00	BCP Holy Communion	
14 Aug	11.00	Parish service	
21 Aug	18.30	Evensong	Rev Liz Law

ST MARY'S FLOODLIGHTS

The lights on our church show our beautiful parish church at its best. Can you donate £8 a month to light up the church one night a month?

To have St Mary's church lit up, please email Philippa at community@kind.church

5th of each month: Sarah, in memory of my father, Robert Visick

7th of each month: Victoria, in memory of Ann Wigglesworth

8th of each month: Helen, in memory of my brother Matthew

9th of each month: Meg, in memory of my father










12th of each month: The Anderson family, in memory of the L-B family

14th of each month: Michele, in memory of Anne Maltby

18th of each month: Jackson, in memory of my brother Mark

24th of each month: Sponsored by Ipswich Senior School

27th of each month: Michele, in memory of John Maltby

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The next issue will cover **September 2022**.

Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 22nd August to:

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FARMING NOTES

Arable

On Saturday 18 June at 11 o'clock in the evening we received a wonderful 21mm of rain, and even though it fell in one hour as a heavy and spectacular thunderstorm, it was very welcome. It was, I think, the most rain we have had in one go since February. It certainly was heavy, and I was concerned that the winter barley, which is quite long in the straw this year, was going to be knocked about, but my worries were unfounded. We have recently applied a product to the Oil Seed Rape called 'Pod-stick', which is a gummy substance that is designed to glue the seed pods up to help prevent seed loss in the case of high winds, storms and hail. This is normally applied about 2 weeks before the desiccant is sprayed to stop the plant growth and even up the ripening. Harvest usually follows 3 weeks later, so we are looking at the beginning of the 3rd week of July. It may well be that we start the winter barley harvest before that as the recent hot weather has caused it to ripen faster than usual.

Wild oats are a well-known and common weed in cereals and other arable crops and can result in yield loss if allowed to get out of control. If the seeds are allowed to fall to the ground they have a clever trick which is to dig themselves into the ground by using a 'leg' that extends and shortens with wet and dry weather. They are also able to lie dormant in the soil for a number of years until germination is triggered by perfect conditions, so they are difficult to eradicate. For 2 or 3 generations we have hand rogued these weeds until (with a bit of help from some very clever chemistry) we have got them down to easily managed numbers. This year we were able to inspect and rogue almost the entire farm in just a few days, so I am happy that we will commence our new 'non-inversion' cultivating and drilling technique with very few wild oat seeds in the upper layers of our soil. More on the new system in further issues.

Cattle

Our main contact at Cogent who goes by the unusual name of Boomer visited recently to view this year's crop of pedigree British Blue bull calves. There are 14 so



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far which will be available for Cogent to buy for their stud. Boomer was particularly pleased with the six bull calves shown in the photo but hopefully several of the others will also make the grade.

Sheep

Three years ago I accepted an invitation to judge Suffolk Sheep at the South of England Show at Ardingly. Covid caused the cancellation of the shows in the following two years, so it was with great pleasure that Sarah and I went down to West Sussex recently to finally fulfil the appointment. We were accompanied by our daughter Alice who was home from New Zealand for a holiday and who loves shows and showing livestock. At county shows such as this there are classes for several breeds of sheep and each breed has its own judge. Within each breed there are then classes for males and females of different ages as well as classes for trimmed and untrimmed sheep. In all there were seven classes of Suffolks to be judged with about six sheep in each class. The judge has to examine each sheep checking for faults and then line them up in order from best to least best, (I don't like calling them the worst!). Once all the classes are judged the winner from each class is brought into the ring for the judge to choose an overall champion. The champion which I chose was a particularly nice correct, well grown and fleshy shearling ewe. Each of the breed champions from the first day of the show are then judged on the second day by a fresh judge who chooses the interbreed champion (or best sheep in show). I was delighted to read yesterday that the Suffolk ewe which I chose went on to become interbreed champion. Invitations such as this are accompanied by excellent hospitality, and work done, we enjoyed a nice lunch followed by a good look around the show. It is always interesting to see how other shows are run and what the quality of the livestock is like in other parts of the country.



THE FALLOW DAYS OF SUMMER ARE UPON US

BUT THE ARTS SOCIETY HEART CONTINUES TO BEAT!

SO WATCH THIS SPACE FOR the launch of
the new programme commencing in September.

Topics include:

'Regency Revelations – the Lost Diary of a
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'How to get down from a Yak – Adventures
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Cost of Living Plan

Cabinet members at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have considered a five-point action plan to support residents and staff through the cost-of-living crisis, bringing together work already underway with new initiatives, under five key headings:

Cost of Living:

- 1) Co-ordinating Government support – getting help to those who need it.
- 2) Exercising discretion providing welfare support and advice to support those facing challenging times.
- 3) Maximising partnership working and established systems to provide targeted support where there is a particular trend and need.

Preventing Crisis:

- 4) Maintaining good health – such as referrals for mental health support, use of council gyms, community-led “wellbeing” initiatives
- 5) Ensuring access to food and nutrition – such as healthy eating exercises/initiatives, community gardens and larders, or extra support for local food banks.

The plan brings together a suite of measures that focus on providing advice and support, maintaining people’s health, and building on work already underway since the launch of the councils’ Communities and Wellbeing strategies.

This includes support and funding for local Citizens’ Advice centres and local community organisations; specialist support for council tenants struggling to pay their rent; a wide range of discretionary payments, grants, and reductions for those facing financial hardship; and the Holiday Activity and Food programme to combat holiday hunger for families who are struggling through the school breaks.

Corks Lane, Hadleigh

Significant inflationary pressures in the construction industry have resulted in a shortening of tender validity periods- to a period of a few weeks and sometimes only days. Babergh Growth could not award the contract until increased funding was secured. Further delay to the award of contract in the current market would have resulted in price increases.

On June 8th, the Babergh Cabinet therefore agreed to increase the peak funding threshold for Babergh Growth Ltd to £7m for use to deliver the redevelopment of the former HQ site in Hadleigh.

Energy Infrastructure

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling for an urgent government review of the number and scale of ‘potentially devastating’ energy infrastructure projects for local communities.

The leaders of both councils have written to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, calling for a wider review of the strategic planning of energy infrastructure including developments such as solar farms and battery storage, for which the districts are seeing a substantial number of applications.

Their call follows both councils’ recent objections to National Grid’s non-statutory consultation on proposals for the East Anglia GREEN project of overhead lines between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury. Instead, the councils are calling for greater clarity about options for a co-ordinated offshore solution.

While transportation of the power generated from offshore Wind Farms is critical to ensure that the country isn’t reliant on fossil fuel, we at Babergh Green Party are in full agreement that the offshore solution would be preferable.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr.)

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PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

The Kersey Platinum Jubilee Street Party, Sunday 5 June 2022

What an amazing day! We can be proud of what our small parish achieved. It was a great example of our community coming together to create and celebrate a special anniversary, attended by nearly 300 people. The food, the Suffolk Concert Band, the Border Morris Dancers, the Best Dressed Monarch competitors and the fact the rain stayed away made it such a memorable party.

A huge group of volunteers moved and laid tables, attached bunting, provided the salads, set up and moved marquees, organised the delivery of the Indian snacks, the hog roast, the strawberries and cream and cleared up afterwards - too many people to mention in such a short article but you know - and we know - who you are and you have our congratulations and gratitude. Thanks also to the Village Hall, the VPA and the Church for generously lending furniture and the marquees and to The Bell for letting us use their grounds.

Neville Whittell and the Bellringers started the celebrations, followed by a service from Reverend Jackson before the formal opening by our oldest resident, Naomi Partridge.

Thanks also to each of the talented members of the small Parish Council working group who did all the planning. Natalie Blyth, Linda Newbigging, Janet Howes were heroic and special mentions are due to Sarah Partridge for keeping us all on track. Esme Chapman successfully applied for funds to The National Lottery Community Fund and Babergh District Council which meant we could provide a free event!

The biggest thanks of all go to all you Kersey people who turned up to enjoy and contribute to such a special historic occasion.

Yours sincerely

John W. Hume.

Chair, Kersey Parish Council.

More information is on the Kersey website:

www.kersey.suffolk.cloud.

If you don't have access to the internet, contact a Parish Councillor for help.

DIARY DATES

4 Jul – Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30
2 Sep – Live Jazz (Derek Nash Trio) St Mary's Church 19.30
5 Sep – Parish Council meeting Village Hall 19.30



PARKING

Strategy Roadshow
21-28 June 2022



This is your opportunity to help shape parking for the next 20 years

Parking affects everybody, so whether you drive a car or not, your views matter.

You can get involved by:

- Joining us at one of our drop-in events
- Completing our short online survey
- Watching a short video clip about the parking strategy,

For full details visit our website:

www.babergh.gov.uk/parkingstrategy

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/parkingstrategy



Anyone without internet access, can request details of the events and request a paper copy of the survey by calling: 02392 432756

Queries can be emailed to: parking.strategy@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk