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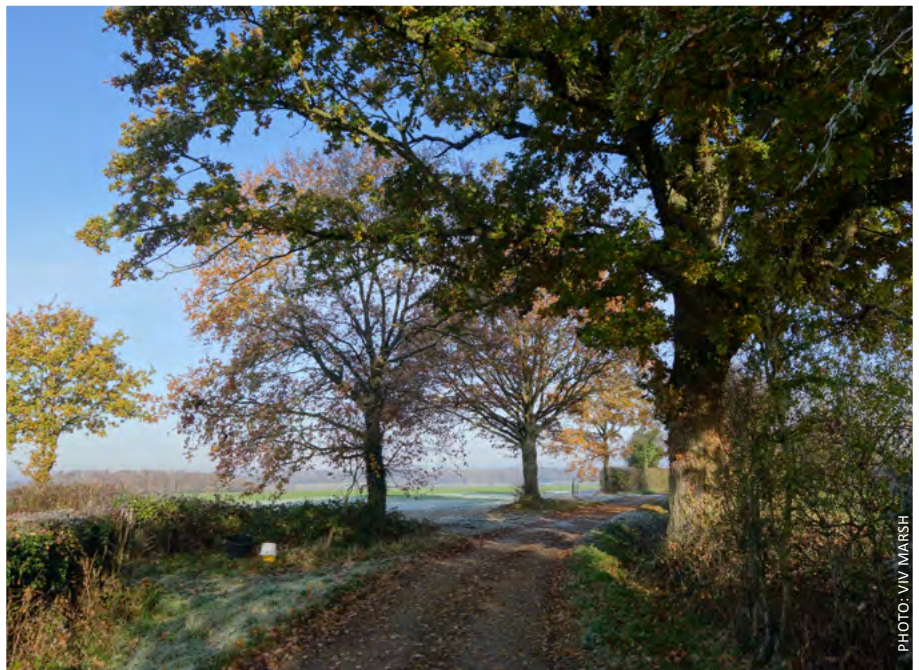


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Police The non-emergency number to call if you want to contact the local police is 101 (when it's less urgent than 999) .

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 Warden:

Mrs Rachel Wells 01473 822230.
and vacant position.

Weddings: For all enquiries regarding weddings at St. Mary's Church please contact adrianwaller@mac.com or phone 01473 652561.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 13th March – Susannah Marsh and Annie Delmar
27th March – Linda Newbigging and Gillian Sacker

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

If you would like the church floodlit to celebrate a birthday, anniversary etc. the cost is £10 per night. Contact Rachel Wells 01473 822230.

REVISION OF ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2023

We are preparing to update the church Electoral Roll ready for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 5th April. If you wish to be added, application forms are available on the notice board inside the church. Alternatively I can email you a copy. Those currently on roll need take no action to remain.

Please return completed application forms to:

Jenny Partridge, Trickers Farm, Boxford Road, Kersey, IP76EW.
Phone: 07747778608. Email: jenny.partridge19@btinternet.com.

Jenny Partridge

ST.MARY'S CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Volunteers are required for a mornings cutting, chopping, clearing and burning at the churchyard. Likely to be arranged for the end of March before Easter.

Please contact Nick Judd on 07802847431.

PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT FLAGPOLE

Following the installation of a temporary flagpole last year St Mary's PCC are planning to install a permanent 8 metre flagpole in the churchyard to fly the Diocesan flag. They are reviewing two locations – one close to where the temporary flagpole was installed the other close to Church gates to the right hand (south) side as you enter the grounds. Whilst no permission is required for this the PCC wish to consult villagers.

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SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to the family of Eric Mobbs from Mistley. He lived on Kersey Tye many years ago and it was his wish to be laid to rest in the churchyard where his grandparents and mother are buried.

PARISH NEWS

TUESDAY CLUB

The first meeting of 2023 will be on the 7th March when we will be welcoming Yvonne Martin who is coming to talk about researching for the book she wrote "Kersey through the Centuries".

Village Hall, 2.30pm. Competition: "Something Kersey related"

I am struggling to get the programme for 2023 sorted if anyone has any ideas please let me know. **Rachel Wells.**

KERSEY PROJECTS – BURNS NIGHT

What a fun evening! Delicious traditional Scottish fayre expertly prepared for us by Stuart McQuaker and Matt Smith. Ceilidh music and dancing provided by The Hosepipe Band from Hadleigh. Everyone had fun learning the dances and having a go. Thank you to all that helped with our first Burns night celebration. David Anderson, Trevor and Sarah Stirling and Iain Wright- we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all who came along and supported the event. We raised £1034.11 which will be used to arrange our future events.

Same time next year? Watch this space.

KERSEY OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 10 June 2023, 11.00am - 5.00pm

We're now putting plans in place to stage this year's Open Gardens and are hoping to build on our previous success. We already have eighteen gardens 'signed up' but it's not too late to add your garden too! In fact, a 'cross section' of gardens adds to the enjoyment of the day, so whether large or small, please do consider opening your garden. We can arrange help on the day if required.

As before, we will serve refreshments from the Village Hall throughout the day and if anyone wishes to sell plants, cakes etc at their garden gate, please feel free to do so, at a very small 'stall fee' charge!

Beneficiaries this year will be St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich and Kersey Projects.

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – JAZZ NIGHT

We are excited to announce that the 'Chris Ingham Trio' will be performing for us once again at St Mary's, Kersey on Saturday 18th March. A regular at Ronnie Scott's, Chris will be accompanied by Simon Thorpe (Bass) and George Double (Drums).

Doors will open at 7.30pm and the music will start at 8.00pm. 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 £17.50 or £15.00 for FoSM members.

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

VPA OUTING

Not a very good response so far about visiting Hyde Hall on the 15th July. Could you let me know provisionally whether you are interested so I know about booking coach. **Rachel Wells**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers who live in the centre of Kersey (near The Bell) who have constant access to a vehicle and a telephone.

The Parish Council is hoping to set up a Village Emergency Telephone System for Kersey. In the event of a medical emergency when a Kersey resident needs the defibrillator all the volunteers on the system will get a phone call asking if they can help. The first volunteer to accept the call will then collect the defibrillator from The Bell and take it to the patient, who could be anywhere in the Parish. There would be no obligation to help with CPR or any other emergency treatment, it would be up to each volunteer as to how much they help. Full CPR, basic life support and defibrillator training will be offered from the Community Heartbeat Trust. If you think you might be interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Sarah Partridge 01787 210859.

WEATHER (for January)

Rainfall 49mm (1.9")
Maximum temperature..... 11°C (51.8°F)
Minimum temperature -4°C (24.8°F)



*Thank you to Kate Banks who records the weather for us in Wickerstreet Green.
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DIARY DATES

- 6 Mar – Parish Council Village Hall19.30
- 7 Mar – Tuesday Club Village Hall14.30
- 15 Mar – PCC.
- 18 Mar – Friends of St Mary’s – Jazz night. St Mary’s Church.19.30
- 26 Mar – Clocks go forward
- 4 Apr – Tuesday Club Village Hall
- 5 Apr – Annual church meeting. St. Mary’s church19.00
- 17 Apr – Annual Parish Assembly + short Parish Council

KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE

We also have a Kersey Community *Google calendar* on the website:

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

If you are planning an event in Kersey please email the information to Sarah Partridge at kerseyipc@gmail.com so it can be included.

(If you already use Google Calendar you can add this to yours.)

Housing matters

Babergh have adopted an updated Tenancy Policy. Our tenants need the security of a clear understanding of their tenancy so they can plan for their futures, and we can make the best use of our limited supply of homes. Secure tenancies and good management ensure this.

The Council have obtained a share of £20,000 funding from the Local Government Association for a county wide housing strategy review. Not a lot, truth be told. However, there are properties everywhere that are available for rent or purchase, long-term empty, or second homes. In total, in Suffolk they number around 13,000. Despite this, we have people in unsatisfactory, unsuitable, accommodation and the facing threat, or reality, of homelessness. All the Councils seek to address this by working together to increase access to genuinely affordable property.

Devolution Deal

The deal, which is still being developed, devolves more powers to Suffolk, bringing around £480 million of investment over the next 30 years. The intention is to drive growth in the county. It will include £5.8 million to regenerate brownfield land into affordable homes; devolvement of the adult education budget to meet local needs; additional transport powers; and £3million to improve energy efficiency in homes. It also includes provisions to directly elect the leader of Suffolk County Council, the election of which would take place in 2024.

Future Fees & Charges

Fees and Charges for a range of services will increase in 2023/24. Many, and the important ones really, are set nationally and deal with licensing and building control amongst other statutory areas.

The biggest change most people are likely to notice is a £2 increase (to £59.pa) to the Garden waste collection charge. It’s been a very popular service for people who have gardens, attracting new subscribers every year. New subscribers will have a one-off charge of £69 for the first year for the cost of the brown bin. These fees and charges will bring in over £4m, about 11% of the gross expenditure.

Council Issues

From knocking on some of your doors I can see that people do have issues and concerns. If there is any Council matter that you are struggling with or that is frustrating you, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am also interested to know your opinions, please let me know at leigh.jamieson@babergh.gov.uk or give me a call on 07548 156181.

Leigh Jamieson (Cllr.)

leigh.jamieson@babergh.gov.uk – Mobile: 07548 156181

Kersey Community Website

*Remember to check www.kersey.suffolk.cloud regularly
for latest news, information and updates.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Lines Written in Early Spring

<p>I heard a thousand blended notes, While in a grove I sate reclined, In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts Bring sad thoughts to the mind.</p>	<p>The birds around me hopped and played, Their thoughts I cannot measure:— But the least motion which they made It seemed a thrill of pleasure.</p>
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<p>To her fair works did Nature link The human soul that through me ran; And much it grieved my heart to think What man has made of man.</p>	<p>The budding twigs spread out their fan, To catch the breezy air; And I must think, do all I can, That there was pleasure there.</p>
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<p>Through primrose tufts, in that green bower, The periwinkle trailed its wreaths; And 'tis my faith that every flower Enjoys the air it breathes.</p>	<p>If this belief from heaven be sent, If such be Nature's holy plan, Have I not reason to lament What man has made of man?</p>
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William Wordsworth

HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

This year's spring concert by Hadleigh Choral Society promises to be an unforgettable experience, as the choir performs masterworks by Faure and Puccini, accompanied by professional soloists as well as the Colchester Symphony Orchestra and a specially appointed organist. Come hear the hauntingly beautiful Faure Requiem, which with its seven sections will take you on a journey which is at once peaceful and somber as well as bright and comforting. The operatic Messa di Gloria by Puccini will also certainly be thrilling, featuring compelling harmonies that range from solemn unison phrases to energetic fugues. Christopher Phelps will conduct the evening's performance which will take place on 25th March at St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, 7:30 pm.

Tickets are £15, free for those in full-time education, and are available through www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, members of the choir, or The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh. For more information contact 07886 416 034.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

5th Mar 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Janice White
12th Mar 11am	Parish service	
19th Mar 4pm	Evening service	Rev Jackie Sephton
26th Mar 11am	No service in Kersey.	Aldham Holy Communion
2nd Apr 9am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Janice White

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	January	February
1st Prize –	Matthew Grannell	Jackie Rigby
2nd Prize –	Viv Marsh	Joan Hutton
3rd Prize –	Mark Rigby	Mary Pearce

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the 30th January.

In attendance was John Hume, chair, three councillors, District councillor and the clerk.

Apologies received from two councillors and County councillor.

Co-option: There was still a vacancy for a councillor.

Public forum and reports: Robert Lindsay County Councillor reported that there is a backlog of flooding and drainage problems. Money which had been allocated for these is being spent elsewhere. Also reported was an update on the budget and the Directly Elected Leader.

Leigh Jamieson District Councillor said he is providing some money from his locality budget to the Village Hall projects which are planned. Also in his report was the second part of the Wolsey Grange development in Ipswich which has been approved, Housing matters and Solar Panel Carports. No decision has been taken on the proposed Solar Farm between Elmsett and Flowton.

The budget for 23/24 is being prepared. There will be a small increase in the cost of brown bin collections. Babergh has compiled a report of achievements made since 2019.

Parish time: The current editor of the newsletter is stepping down.

Minutes of the previous meetings were correct and signed.

Clerk's report: The clerk regularly checks the defibrillator and sends reports to the Community Heartbeat Trust. Several surveys have been completed. The street lighting was converted to LED units in September. The correct black units have now been fitted. New "No dog fouling" signs have been produced and given to the footpath working group to display. There is a possibility of an email update circular for residents. If there is enough interest this would be set up independently of the Parish Council. The Kersey website is regularly updated.

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors. One noted was Headway Suffolk mobile charity shop. A mobile shop is being considered to sell goods, refreshments and give advice on neurological problems and how to access services. They are thinking of visiting parishes on a regular basis. Councillors discussed this but felt this was not a viable option with only 350 residents. A stop in Hadleigh with more footfall would be a better option.

Finance: The council resolved to adopt the new pay scale for the clerk. A copy of the financial statements had been circulated to all councillors for approval. All payments were approved.

Planning progress: Babergh had granted permission for retention of dormer extension at Bramble cottage. They had also given consent for works to oak tree in Vale Lane. This is protected by Tree Preservation Order.

Planning applications to be considered at next meeting. Erection of single storey extension at Manor Farm.

Footpath Working Group: The footpaths in and around Kersey are fully operational. There has been a number of reports to SCC from members of the public regarding posts

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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

and signage. These appear to have been dealt with. All machinery has been serviced ready for the new cutting season. The budget was approved.

KCPC Working Group: The ROSPA report had been received without too many maintenance recommendations. These points will be dealt with as necessary. The hedges have been cut. The budget was approved.

Consider progress on whether Kersey should have a Village Emergency Telephone System. It had been agreed at an earlier meeting if enough volunteers living near The Bell came forward there would be further investigation into the system. At least ten volunteers are needed. Training would be given on how to use the defibrillator, CPR and basic life support skills.

Consider progress on the Parish Review and creating a public consultation questionnaire. Little progress has been made.

Consider whether the Parish Council will report planning control non-compliance issues. The Parish Council have been made aware of a few possible planning control issues in the parish. It was agreed the council will if necessary make Babergh aware of any concerns. Babergh to be notified of concerns that alterations have been made to the Grade II listed Curtis Farm without consent.

Consider a Coronation celebration for Kersey. It was agreed it would be good to bring the community together for an event. A celebration could be on Sunday 7th. After the jubilee celebrations last year it was thought a smaller event would be more appropriate with possibly a picnic on The Glebe.

Spring litter collection. Members of the Kersey Volunteer Group already cover most of the parish carrying out regular litter collections and reporting any highway issues. They will be thanked for their work during the year and reminded that March is "Spring Clean" month. More volunteers are needed to join the KVG. The school will be contacted to see if they will tidy near the school.

Confirm precept. This was set at £11,520.

Agree content for "Pride in our Parish". It was agreed to write an article explaining the possible Volunteer Emergency Telephone System and ask for volunteers.

Training: SALC continues to offer online training. The clerk will be attending a Networking session and election briefing. There will be Parish Council elections in the Babergh area on 4th May.

Dates of forthcoming meetings were given.

AOB: The chickens at The Bell have been captured and re-homed. Due to a car blocking access for the bin lorry households in The Green had their collection delayed. Road cones will be used to try and stop this in the future. A concern was raised about speeding through the village and splash.

Next meeting 6th March.







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Arable

Midway through February during the dry conditions, just as we were about to start some spring work on the land, we were shocked to learn that our staff member Ryan sustained a badly broken leg while playing rugby for Sudbury firsts. This leaves us short staffed for the busy period ahead and I would like to thank Lawrence and Sarah for stepping up to help out. Lawrence and I have managed to fathom out the rather complicated electronics on our brand new fertiliser spreader that Ryan was due to start using the day after the accident, and are making good progress with the potash, magnesium and sulphur mix that we have to apply to all the land this spring. Sarah is helping out more with the livestock where Ryan would normally help Chris for an hour or so on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. So far things are going to plan but we could easily fall behind in the next 2 months, and as timeliness is key in farming, we must not let this happen. We all wish Ryan a speedy and comfortable recovery.

Livestock

Ditto Rob's comments about Ryan. We all know rugby is a physical game with a high risk of injury, but we have supported Ryan's career and followed his progress with interest. This was a nasty injury and a big setback for him.

Meanwhile calving has continued with so far very good results. Commercial crossbred calves are due to be born any time throughout March and April. We also have batches of Pedigree British Blue calves due to be born during the year. The first of which are due this week, the result of embryos transferred to surrogate mums nine months ago. The first four calves have arrived and we are closely watching the remaining two cows for any signs of action.

Lambing is due to begin in early March so we have some busy weeks ahead. The ewes were pregnancy scanned a few weeks ago and just four out of sixty were not in lamb. Due to the pleasant and dry outdoor conditions it is hoped to be able to leave them out until just before lambing starts.

In the autumn we replaced the Merlo telescopic loader, which we use almost every day throughout the year. The new one, which is the same make, has an extra boom section and a more powerful (150 horse power) engine. So far we are very pleased with it; the extra reach is proving very useful for many of the jobs we do. During the year we use it to load and draw home



about 1300 large bales of straw, 300 bales of silage and 3000 small straw bales. The machine is also used to unload all of that at the farm as well as other deliveries. All the yards are mucked out on a regular basis with the FYM being stored in a large heap at the farm, in the autumn all of that is loaded again for spreading onto the arable fields. During the winter we use the Merlo daily for feeding malt nuts, fodder beet and silage to the cattle and three times a week we straw all of the yards. It's also really good at being a long barrier when moving cattle (see photo). Clearly it is a machine we cannot manage without!

Written by Rob and Chris Partridge

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Recent years have been some of the most challenging to be in Government, with a pandemic followed immediately by war and an unprecedented surge in energy prices – and therefore the cost of living. So, it is a source of solace and strength to be able to get out into the beautiful villages and countryside of South Suffolk, and it is always a particular delight to come to Kersey.

On the 20th January I met the headteacher and staff at Kersey Primary School, including a session of brilliant and interesting questions from the pupils. Small rural primaries are a special part of our county's culture, but inevitably – like all schools – have their particular challenges. At my previous visit I agreed to return once the school had academised, and it was pleasing to hear the positive impact that this step has had, and also to learn of the school's plans for its 150 year anniversary. I was also pleased to see the newly installed school signs which I was glad to facilitate through Suffolk County Council.

Just before Christmas I visited award winning Soaps 'n' Scrubs based at Kersey Mill, and my wife was very pleased with her unique Advent calendar purchased from the shop – consisting of a different bathing delight for each day of the 25. But it's vital that we all do our bit to shop local all year round, not just at Christmas, and especially in the current global economic context which in many ways has been toughest for the smallest high street businesses.

On that point, I cannot stress enough that I do understand how difficult it has been in recent months, having to cope with such extraordinary increases in the price of daily items, especially energy and food. As a Treasury Minister I've been proud of the amount of support that we have put in place, in recognition of the exceptional nature of the post-Ukraine invasion surge in living costs. Our help has included rural communities and readers on heating oil should by now have received their £200 payment – if you haven't received this or want to find out more about support available, please visit www.jamescartlidge.com/costofliving.

All this said, there remains much to be positive about. At my Jobs Fair in Hadleigh in February there were literally thousands of vacancies on offer, from engineering firms and household name employers to small businesses, to the public sector – e.g., Army, NHS, and Police. Looking forward, it is clear that our locality's ability to attract visitors to its pubs and shops will be important – and so I hoped it helped Kersey to feature in the 'Magpie Murders' series, which Emily and I very much enjoyed.

James Cartlidge MP

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Kersey Parish Council election

Would you like to help make Kersey a better place to live, work and visit? On 4 May 2023 there will be Parish and District Council elections across Babergh.

There are 7 seats on Kersey Parish Council which will need to be filled.

The Parish Council works in the best interests of all residents in the whole parish and is embedded in the community with a broad responsibility for the well-being of the local neighbourhood. The work of the Parish Council includes:

- representing the local community at higher levels of government
- 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, responding to consultations and raising matters of local concern.

The Parish Council depends on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community. Whatever their background, local people working as Parish Councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team. The Parish Councillors undertake their duties voluntarily, supported by the Parish Clerk. If you are interested in being a Councillor or joining one of our working groups please contact any Councillor or the Clerk, Sarah Partridge 01787 210859.

All candidates wishing to stand for election will need to complete nomination papers and submit these by 4 April 2023. These are available from The Clerk.

They can also be downloaded from the Babergh and the Electoral commission website.

KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL