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Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust
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Please let us know of any changes.

Defibrillators – There are three cPAD (Community Public Access Defibrillators) accessible 24/7 in the parish at: 1)The Bell Inn, Kersey IP7 6DY;
 2)West Sampsons Hall Farm, Uplands, Kersey IP7 6EN; & 3)Kersey Mill IP7 6DP. (There's also one at Kersey School, IP7 6EG – available when the school is open.)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Clergy:

Church Warden:

Rev. Geoffrey Clement 01473 657316, revgclement@gmail.com 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Chris and Sarah Partridge with their successful entries in the recent shows.

INVALIDS

Our best wishes go to any who are unwell at home or in hospital.

CHURCH PARTY

Are you able to help? The church is hosting a party of about 20 U3A members on 25th July. We are providing coffee and then a light lunch. If you are able to help provide some savoury or sweet items for lunch please contact Jenny or Linda (07905731431) *lindanewbigging@btinternet.com/ jenny.partridge19@btinternet.com*.

TUESDAY CLUB

In June the club welcomed Rev Geoffrey Clement. It was a most interesting meeting as he talked about St Francis of Assisi and how he is a member of the 3rd Order of St. Francis one of an Anglican Franciscan.

Competition for "A piece of brass" was won by Tony and Janet Jacobs.

The next meeting is on the 2nd July when we welcome back Lynn Mortimer and James Hayward from Ipswich who will be talking about their Mayoral Year. Village Hall 7.30. Anyone is welcome to come along. Competition is "A necklace."

6th August Ken Stone from Ipswich is coming with Royal Photos. Village Hall 7.30. Competition "Book with a royal theme".

CHURCH CLEANING

- Week beginning:
- 8th Jul Philippa Harris and Iqbal Alam
- 22nd Jul Frances Whymark and Nikki Fidell
- 5th Aug Ruth Anderson and Sue Attridge
- 19th Aug Suzie Rudkin and Philippa Harris



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



PARISH NEWS

KERSEY PROJECTS SUMMER PARTY ON THE GLEBE

(See advert on the back page)

Saturday, 24 August 2024 from 7.00 – 11.00 pm.

Just a reminder about this free event taking place on the Recreation Ground to enjoy an evening of music and catching up with Kersey friends and neighbours living in the parish.

Dan Sharp will be providing the entertainment and is sure to get your feet tapping with his brilliant rendition of the classics along with more contemporary songs.

We are providing a complimentary welcome drink and a cold buffet supper. It is

important you register by emailing us on kerseyprojects@gmail.com by the

the 1 August to make sure we have the right numbers for catering.

A marquee has been kindly provided by the Village Produce Association so we can go ahead whatever the weather . You only need to bring additional drinks, and chairs if required as only limited seating will be available.

Thank you to all those who have already let us know you will be joining us.

We will look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there!

CALLING ALL CRICKETERS

The ASHES is back and Kersey Casuals NEEDS YOU! Kersey v. Hintlesham & Chattisham Annual (sometimes) cricket match.

Sunday 8th September at Rockhalls, Polstead.

Play starts at 2pm (gather at 1pm)

Please get in touch with Bruce Newbigging by 31st August on **bnewbigg@gmail. com** to register your interest in playing, umpiring or scoring.

It's a lovely day, and everyone is welcome along. Please bring a plate for a sharing tea with spectators and players and if you are able, please let Linda know what you may like to bring so we don't double up too much on food: *lindanewbigging@*

btinternet.com.

DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS/TRAINING SESSION

Thursday 11 July at 7pm Kersey Village Hall

This will be a very informative session, there is no legal requirement to have formal training to use a community defibrillator. The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillators installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving lives. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just a willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

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KERSEY CRIME REVIEW 23/4/24 - 18/6/24

Within the time period above, there has was one reported crime in Kersey, which



was a theft of a purse and contents during a music event towards the end of May. This highlights that even in a small quiet friendly village like Kersey, there could always be an opportunistic thief about, always keep your valuables close and preferably on your person.

As there has been a recent drink spiking incident in a pub in Hadleigh. Spiking, where someone adds drugs or alcohol to someone's drink without them knowing, is illegal. Recently we have also been aware of some people appearing to have been injected with some form of drug. Whether it's done as a prank or with the intent to steal from or assault the victim

here are some ways to avoid this happening to you or your friends. Keep an eye on your drink – never leave it unattended, be extra careful when drinking with strangers, stick with friends (have a buddy system). What to do if you think you have been spiked – as soon as you suspect you might have been spiked, do not drink any more, tell someone you trust immediately as substances can take effect quickly and can make it harder to communicate, be cautious when asking strangers for help. If you need urgent help, call 999 or have the person caring for you take you to A&E, telling them you think you've been drugged.

If you want to find out when and where I will be for my monthly engagement event, please visit www.suffolk.police.uk, type "Kersey" into the 'Find your area' part and then select the far tab called 'Meetings and events'. In this general area of the website, you can also see a crime map.

Kind regards,

PC 1293 Niall Johnson – Hadleigh Community Police Officer.

FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

French's Care Haven is a local animal rescue charity based in Castlings Heath, Groton, Suffolk.

We currently have a mixture of donkeys, horses and ponies totalling 17. They all have their own past story which has brought them to us. This can be through neglect, abandonment or ill health. At French's Care Haven we ensure the animals in our care have all their needs met, from medical to care and welfare with the love and attention they deserve.

The charity is funded by kind regular or one off donations and fundraising events.

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We have opportunities to sponsor an animal, join our 100 club, and volunteer any spare time to help in the yard work, maintenance and grooming. If you would like to support us in any area please check out our website www.frenchcarehaven.org. uk, follow us on Facebook, alternatively you can email frenchs.100club@gmail.com or call Jann on 07747 755556.

Our next Open Day is Saturday 6th July 12 - 4pm. Entrance is £3pp (under 5's free). This is a chance to come and meet our animals, find out how they came to us, see what work goes on and where every penny of your donation is used to provide a safe environment, care, feed, bedding and medical needs. We will also have a BBQ, refreshments, cake stall, and much more.



Here are a few photos of some of the animals in our care:



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KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 2024

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Friday 22th November, Kersey Village Hall

Doors open 7pm, start 7.30pm: Carriages 10.30pm.

Supper provided. Bring your own preferred refreshments.

Teams of up to 8 people. Cash at the door, £15 per head.

Glittering trophy for the champions (previous winning team please return the cup) and raffle with a multitude of interesting and exciting prizes. All donations gratefully received.

To reserve tables or donate prizes for the raffle:

Jonathan Marsh: jonathan.marsh10@icloud.com

Dominique Young: Dominique.young@btinternet.com

Please book early to avoid disappointment, as we are limited on numbers in the Village Hall.

The Kersey Parish Newsletter

The Parish Newsletter is sponsored and distributed by St. Mary's Church on behalf of all parishioners.

The newsletter is delivered **FREE** to properties within the parish 10 times a year and is also available to download from:

www.kersey.suffolk.cloud/our-community/newsletter/

The approximate production cost is 50p per copy (£5 per year). All contributions gratefully received – please pass via your distributor or to: **Rachel Wells, 1 Vale Corner, Vale Lane, Kersey.**

Or make online transfers (or arrange an annual standing order) to: Kersey St. Mary PCC, 30-13-52 00694777.

For further parish details and events, please see www.kersey.suffolk.cloud

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dear Friends,

The UEFA Euros Football Tournament is back. I must admit, as much as I want England to win, I know deep down inside that yet again the England squad will do well but victory will somehow slip between their fingers. When I was studying Theology in Montevideo where the first World cup was held in 1930, we were asked to write an essay on "Can football be described as a religion?"

These are some of my thoughts drawing parallels between football and the spiritual and communal aspects of religious practices:

- 1. Rituals and Traditions: Like religious ceremonies, football has its own set of rituals and traditions. These include pre-match routines, fan chants, and post-goal celebrations. The regularity of matches and tournaments creates a rhythm akin to religious observances.
- 2. Devoted Followers: Football fans often display a level of devotion comparable to religious followers. They support their teams with unwavering loyalty, travel great distances to watch matches, and passionately celebrate victories and mourn losses.
- 3. Iconic Figures: Just as religions have prophets, saints, and deities, football has its own icons—legendary players, revered coaches, and historical figures. Players like Beckham, Pelé, Maradona, Lionel Messi, and Cristiano Ronaldo are idolised by millions.
- 4. Sacred Spaces: Stadiums can be likened to places of worship. They are hallowed grounds where fans gather to experience the game. Iconic stadiums like Portman Road(?), Wembley, and Maracanã hold special significance and are treated with reverence.
- 5. Community and Belonging: Football fosters a strong sense of community and belonging. Fans often feel part of a larger family or tribe, united by their love for the game and their team. This sense of belonging is similar to the community feeling found in religious congregations.
- 6. Emotional and Spiritual Experiences: Watching a football match can evoke profound emotional responses, from ecstatic joy to deep sorrow, similar to spiritual experiences in religious contexts. The highs and lows of supporting a team can be as intense as religious experiences.
- 7. Symbols and Iconography: Football has its own symbols, such as team crests, jerseys, and scarves, which hold deep meaning for fans. These symbols are often displayed with pride and treated with respect, similar to religious symbols.
- 8. Narratives and Mythologies: Football is rich with stories and mythologies underdog victories, legendary matches, and historic moments that are passed down through generations. These narratives contribute to the sport's mystique and cultural significance.
- 9. Rules and Ethics: Just as religions have moral codes and ethical guidelines,

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

30th June 10am	Benefice service	Rev. Geoffrey Clement		
7th July 9am	BCP Holy communion	Rev. Adrian Waller		
14th July 11am	Parish Service	Rev. Geoffrey Clement		
21st July 6.30pm	Evensong	Rev. Geoffrey Clement		
28th July	No service in Kersey – Aldham 11am			
4th Aug 11am	Holy communion			
11th Aug 11am	Parish service			
18th August 6.30pm	Evensong			
There is a short Celtic prayer service on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am.				

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY

Latest **500 Club** draw results:

	May	June
1st Prize –	Mark Rigby	Pascoe Gibbons
2nd Prize –	Neil Hutton	Jackson Crompton-Battersby
3rd Prize –	Kate Hamblen	Joan Hutton
Well done to all the wi	nners and thanks to every	one who has already joined the club.

For details of the **500 Club** monthly lottery and FoSM membership information please contact either *Mark Rigby* on *07484 649235* or *Mark Pertwee* on *07919 166782* or email *fosmkersey@gmail.com*.

football has its own set of rules and a sense of fair play. The principles of sportsmanship and respect for opponents are akin to ethical teachings in religious traditions.

10.Pilgrimages: Fans often make pilgrimages to significant football events, such as the World Cup, Champions League finals, or key domestic matches. These journeys can be seen as quests for spiritual fulfilment and communal celebration.

These parallels illustrate how football, like religion, provides structure, meaning, and a sense of purpose to the lives of its followers, making it much more than just a sport for many people around the world. May the best team win...

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KERSEY HEALTH TRAVEL In conjuction with Hadleigh, Boxford Community Car Scheme

The Nightingale Trust was originally set up in 1583 with a remit to help the poor and needy of Kersey. Times have changed and with them, so have peoples needs. Today, we help those in need with their winter fuel bills, in a small way, and we also make donations to the local food bank in the hope this covers Kersey too. We are always looking for new ways to help each other and those with a genuine need.

To this end, we have managed to include Kersey in the existing **Hadleigh and Boxford Community Car Scheme** which has been running for some years and is organised by Jen Eastwood, a resident in Boxford.

If you are a patient, registered at Hadleigh Health Centre, Boxford Surgery, or Bildeston surgery in need of a lift to medical appointments including Doctors, Consultants, Physiotherapists, Opticians, Dentists etc. we will be happy to help. We have a number of volunteer drivers who are available to take you to your appointment, wait for you and then bring you home. There is a charge of 45p per mile for this service to cover the petrol and depreciation costs which I hope you find acceptable.

For Kersey residents using this service and in genuine need, the Trustees of the Nightingale Trust would like to contribute £5 towards your taxi costs each month to a limit of £20 per year.

If you need help in getting to a medical appointment then please contact:

Jen Eastwood on *01787 211853*, Matt Smith *07918 670024* or Mark Rigby on *07484 649235* who will arrange a driver for you.

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> Applications must be made to graystrustapplications@gmail.com

by **31st August 2024** and must include the applicant's name, postal address and the course on which the applicant is enrolled.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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The current newletter production editor is standing down. Would you be able to help design, layout and produce this newsletter? *No editorial input necessary.*

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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 *kerseypc@gmail.com* so it can be included.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on 13th May.

Present was chairman John Hume, five councillors, clerk and five members of the public.

Election: John Hume was elected as chairman and Andrew Rogers Vice chair.

Apologies received from one councillor plus County and District councillors.

One councillor declared an interest in a planning application.

Minutes of previous meeting were signed as correct.

Reports: Robert Lindsay's report covered a Motion of Local Government funding.

Leigh Jamieson reported on swimming pool funding, a funding boost for parish councils, compost giveaway, councils property and car parking charges.

Consider residents concerns about parking during The Bell beer festival. Those present were supportive of events held but concerned about the traffic problems as last year. The owners said extra parking arrangements had been made.

All members of the public left the meeting.

Councillors were sorry that the public only came with concerns and did not stay for the rest of the meeting.

All appointments were made.

Planning: Cherrywood. Following refusal from Babergh for garage/cart lodge and barn an appeal has been submitted.

Babergh had granted permission for alterations at Three stones, Kedges End and Curtis farm.

Water cottage. Application for flood defences to front door and other alterations. Councillors agreed to fully support.

Clerk's report: The Google calendar on the website is regularly updated. It is hoped the construction work will begin in September on the 40mph speed limit Kersey to Semer. The new defibrillator is up and available to cover the Uplands, Wickerstreet Green and the Tye

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

All financial items were discussed.

Parish Council accounts for year ending March 24 were approved.

Footpath Working Group: Mowing has started.

KCPC: Repairs to the swing frame should be completed by June.

Review and adopt policies: These were all re adopted with no change.

National Grid Norwich to Tilbury power consultation. A long discussion took place.

Consider the possibility of installing a depth marker at the Splash. Councillors





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PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

agreed the initial cost out weighed any perceived benefit. Councillors are not keen to see extra signage in the conservation area.

A report was given on the Neighbourhood Priorities Statement.

Agree content for Pride in our Parish for the newsletter. The chairman will write an article to encourage attendance and interest in Parish Council meetings.

SALC continues to offer training for all councillors.

Reports from other meetings were received.

AOB: It was noted that SCC highways seem to be carrying out pothole repairs to a better standard. However more are required.

A full report can be found on the website. Next meeting 1st July. Rachel Wells

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1 Jul – Parish council19.30
2 Jul – Tuesday Club 19.30
6 Jul – French's Care Haven, Open DayGroton 12.00-16.00
6 Jul – Bell Ringers
11 Jul – Defibrillator Training19.00
12 Jul – U3A group to visit church St Mary's 10.15
13 Jul – VPA outing to Cambridge Leave triangle @ Vale Lane8.45
17 Jul – PCC 19.00
25 Jul – U3A Church Party 10.30
27 Jul – Bell ringersSt Mary's9.00 -10.00
6 Aug – Tuesday club 19.30
4 Aug – Kersey Projects Summer Party The Glebe
(see backpage for details) 19.00



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All Kersey Parishioners are invited to join Kersey Projects for a

Summer Party on the Glebe



on

Saturday, 24 August 2024

from 7.00 - 11.00 pm

- We will be welcoming back the ever popular Dan Sharp to entertain us with his wonderful voice and eclectic song medleys.
- This is a <u>free event</u> that will take place on the Recreation Ground in a marquee kindly provided by the VPA.
- There will be a complimentary welcome drink and a cold buffet. Please feel free to bring your own additional drinks.
- Please register by 1 August to confirm your attendance and ensure you are included in the numbers for catering.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP: <u>kerseyprojects@gmail.com</u>

The next issue is **September 2024**. Please send items for inclusion well before the deadline of 27th August to:

Rachel Wells: 01473 822230 - rachel@kersey-village.co.uk

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