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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:**

### Church Warden:

Rev Geoffrey Clement 01473 657316 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 Nick and Lizzie of Groton Wood Cottage on the happy arrival of baby Monty on 15th September. A little brother for Mimi.

To Esme and Marvin at Carlton House who welcome a baby boy Ari.

To Nick and Philippa Judd on becoming grandparents to Alfred Edward William Judd born on the 24th to Ollie and Ellie.

#### MOVES

Kate and Ray Banks decided it was time to move from Elm Farm to somewhere with a smaller garden. They have not gone far away – only over to Aldham. We wish them well in their new home. I'm sure Kate will enjoy sorting out the garden.

Wickerstreet Green welcomes back Richard Covell who has moved into Elm Farm after many years living in Switzerland and recently at Hill House. We hope he will be happy in his new home.

John, Julie and family have moved from 4 The Tye. We welcome Matt and Chloe who will be moving in.

After months of renovation work Chloe and Graham have finally moved from The Street to their new home at Watermere, Kersey Upland.

A belated welcome to Matt and Lara Newman at Cowslip Cottage. Sorry you were missed when you moved in - your move escaped the newsletter team.

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

I would be grateful if everyone on the rota could arrange flowers for the Harvest Festival on the 8th October. The school now use the church Mondays 2.55-3.20pm and Wednesday and Friday mornings 9-9.30 so please avoid these times if you are arranging flowers or cleaning.

Rachel Wells.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning:	9th Oct	– Bridget Allen
"	23rd Oct	– Marvin Kuzamba and Esme Chapman
"	6th Nov	– Sue Jones and Lynn English

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### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please join us for our harvest festival service which is being held on the 8th October 4.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments. If you would like to bring donations of non perishable items these will be given to the Hadleigh food bank.

#### INVALIDS

We send our best wishes to all those who are unwell, have been to hospital or having treatment.

### PARISH NEWS

### KERSEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Our new season started on Thursday 7th September. All levels of ability are welcome – 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Fees are; Adults £3.00 for the whole evening or £2.00 for one hour. Juniors (under 18 years) £1.50. Contact Adrian Blyth 01473827805 or amblyth1@gmail.com.

### CRICKET

The annual (sometimes) cricket match between Kersey and Hintlesham & Chattisham took place in the beautiful setting at Rockalls in glorious sunshine. We would like to thank all our supporters and cake makers – the communal tea was splendid and plentiful and enjoyed by all. It was lovely to welcome Rev Geoffrey to the event.

The match was played very competitively between two well-matched sides. Hintlesham & Chattisham managed to score vital runs in the final few overs of the second innings and won the 'Ashes' for 2023.

We look forward to a return match next year – please do let Bruce have your contact details if you would like to be considered for team selection. It will take place during September. Contact: bnewbigg@gmail.com.

### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – CHRISTMAS SUPPER DANCE

It's party time! Book now to secure your table in a splendid candlelit church this Christmas, enjoying live swing top music and dancing till midnight.

We will provide a fabulous festive venue, live music, American cocktails, food warming facilities. You can theme your own table and decide on your matching dress code – 'bring your own' food and drink – enjoy the party!

Friday 8th December from 7pm till midnight. Tickets £30 a head (£25 for FoSM members) sold in tables of 4, 6, 8 or 10 with all proceeds to our beautiful iconic church. For more information please call Sarah on 07977 725456 or Jackie on 07721 625932 or email fosmkersey@gmail.com.



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### **BURNS NIGHT**

### SAVE THE DATE – Kersey Projects Burns Night Celebrations – Friday 26th January 2024.

Following the huge success of our first ever Burns Night event earlier this year, we will be doing it again for your enjoyment and entertainment. More information to follow in the November Newsletter.

#### **FLOWER SHOW**

Kersey Village Produce Association held its 58th Flower and Vegetable Show on 9th September. Although it was a very hot day it was good to see lots of visitors coming to view the exhibits but sadly not many parish residents.

Main winners: General Sir Gordon Finlayson challenge cup for vegetable and fruit classes – Kate Banks. Tom Evans memorial cup for runner up in vegetable and fruit classes – Natalie Blyth. Shield for allotment holder with best exhibit of vegetable trug – Colin and Jenny Leeks. Lewis Mowles shield for best exhibit in vegetable classes – Natalie Blyth (for leeks). Challenge cup for household classes – Ray Banks. Wooden spoon for men's cookery class – Matt Newman. Challenge cup for handwork classes – Susannah Marsh. Rose bowl for flower classes – Natalie Blyth. Prize for child 6 years and under – Rowan King. Prize for child 7-10 years – Toby Spencer. Challenge cup for children's classes – Rowan King. Cup for best exhibit in children's classes – Robert Gliga. Trophy for best exhibit in floral art – Rachel Wells. Prize for highest points in photography classes – Josie Partridge. Bowling – joint Matilda Chew and Josie Partridge (adult), Kip Britten (child). Bean bags – Louise Chew (adult), Toby Spencer (child). Prizes were presented by Rev Geoffrey Clement.

#### Rachel Wells.

### KERSEY PLAYGROUND CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

The highlight of the Kersey Social Calendar – Friday 10th 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. Entrance £15 per person: cash at the door. Glittering Trophy for the Champions (previous winning team please return the cup) and Raffle with a multitude of interesting and exciting prizes.

To reserve tables or donate prizes for the raffle: Jonathan Marsh, jonathan. marsh10@icloud.com, Dominique Young, dominique.young@btinternet.com Please book by Monday 6th November to avoid disappointment!

### NIGHTINGALE TRUST – ALLOTMENTS

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If you would like to take advantage of this great offer and for more information, please contact me. I have a small supply of brochures, or you can browse online then contact me - 01473 827805, 07487 816966 or email nablyth1@gmail.com. Orders need to be in by 10th November.

I look forward to hearing from you.

#### Natalie Blyth.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

At the September meeting the speaker was ill and unable to attend. Instead members enjoyed a game of Beetle. Joint winners were Liz Hanson and Frances Whymark. We next meet on the 3rd October 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Graham Hart from Hadleigh with "Welcome". Competition is for "A flower".

Note-change of time.

**Rachel Wells.** 

### **AUTUMN BUFFET**

Kersey Village Hall Trustee's invite you to the annual Autumn Buffet, on Saturday 14th October, 8pm to 10pm. Come and enjoy some delicious food, wine, beer or soft drinks, along with testing your brains with a fun Quiz, a Raffle, and of course an opportunity to meet up with friends for the evening. Tickets: £15 per person from Norah Orriss, Veronica Partridge, Natalie Blyth or any of our Trustees/Committee members. Please purchase vour tickets in advance to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you.

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### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

#### Dear Friends,

I want to begin by saying thank you to everyone who has made both Angela and I welcome in the local community. I look forward to getting to know each of you better and becoming a part of the wider community in time to come.

It was lovely to meet people at the village hall the other weekend for the Kersey Flower and Vegetable show. Both Angela and I were very impressed by the quality of the exhibits, not just flowers and vegetables but the artwork, photography, and the cakes. We had a lovely afternoon meeting and chatting with people. All in all it was a lovely late summer or early autumn afternoon.

It has always struck me that once the schools go back in September, we enter a seemingly fast-moving path towards Christmas. The decorations have been in the shops for a while now. Before we get there though, we have a few events in the church calendar. The first one being Harvest Festival, which we are celebrating in church and in the school. At the heart of Harvest Festival is giving thanks; thanks for the harvest; thanks for the fruits of the earth; for the joys of autumn and thanks for the gift of life.

There was an interesting survey in the papers on qualities parents think are important for children to learn at home. 85% said Good Manners (interestingly only 9% said Obedience!) but I think at the heart of good manners is saying Thank You.

Expressing gratitude through a simple "thank you" holds immense significance in fostering positive relationships and nurturing a culture of kindness. It acknowledges the effort, time, or kindness extended by another person, affirming their value. Beyond manners, it cultivates empathy and understanding, promoting a more harmonious society. Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for deepening connections, instilling joy, and boosting morale. It bridges gaps, encourages reciprocal gestures, and inspires a cycle of kindness. In a world often bustling and distracted, taking a moment to say "thank you" is a small act that reverberates profoundly, enriching both the giver and receiver. Which brings me back to Harvest Festival and the church. One of the principal things we do in church is say thank you, we say thank you to God for all the good things in life, we say thank you to God who in his great love is always there with us whatever life brings. As the Harvest hymn puts it:

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts, and, what thou most desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

from We Plough the Fields and Scatter.

So, once again, thank you for making Angela and me feel so welcome. I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible and maybe even seeing you in church at some point.

Every blessing Geoffrey – **Revd. Geoffrey Clement** 

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Note: change of times – including Harvest Festival.				
29th Oct	Benefice service venue and time tbc			
22nd Oct 11am	No service at Kersey - Aldham			
15th Oct 4pm	Evening service with HC	<b>Rev Geoffrey Clement</b>		
8th Oct 4pm	Harvest Festival service	Rev Geoffrey Clement		
1st Oct 9am	<b>BCP</b> Holy Communion	Rev Geoffrey Clement		

#### **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS**

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

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 500 CLUB LOTTERY					
Latest <b>500 Club</b> draw results:					
	August	September			
1st Prize –	Bruce Newbigging	Claire McQuaker			
2nd Prize –	Sarah Partridge	Jackie Rigby			
3rd Prize –	Trevor Stirling	Joan Hutton			
Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who has already joined the club.					
Details of the <b>500 Club</b> monthly lottery, plus all membership information can be accessed at: <i>www.kerseychurch.org/fosm</i>					
Or for further details please contact either <i>Mark Rigby</i> on <i>07484 649235</i> or <i>Mark Pertwee</i> on <i>07919 166782</i> or email <i>fosmkersey@gmail.com</i> .					

### Kersey Community Website

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for latest news, information and updates.

#### **KERSEY CALENDAR ON-LINE**

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

#### https://kersey.suffolk.cloud/events/

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### FARMING NOTES

#### Arable

Post-harvest cultivations have progressed well, thanks to hard work by Ryan and Adam. Also, helped by a large new cultivator we bought to speed up the non-ploughing operations and to help reduce our carbon footprint. The oilseed rape we drilled in August has continued to develop well and is now plenty forward enough to thrive during the winter period. All the farmyard manure (about 700 tonnes we think) has been spread and cultivated into land that will be sown with winter barley shortly. Around 15 tons of seed wheat and a similar amount of barley for the autumn drilling season was dressed a couple of weeks ago and we hope to commence drilling around 25 September. The sugar beet, of which we hope to produce around 3,000 tonnes has grown well thanks to the regular rainfall we have been having, and lifting will begin sometime in October. We think the sugar content will be low to average (about the 16.5% mark) due to less sunny days than we would have liked, but generally things look to be set up well for the autumn/winter period.

#### **Rob Partridge**

#### Livestock

As summer turns to autumn and the never ending farming cycle continues, this time of year is as close as we get to the end of one year and the start of the next. Not only is harvest completed and drilling of next year's crops about to get under way, but all the straw and forage is stored away ready for the forthcoming winter. The cows will be housed before too long and their calves weaned, we will then ultrasound scan the cows to see how many calves we can expect to be born in the spring. The wet warm late summer has led to an abundance of grass which the cows and their now quite big calves have all been enjoying. Calf growth rates look good and the cows are in very fit condition. Usually at this time of year there is a shortage of grass and we supplement the cows diet with straw, so far this has not been necessary this year which has led to a saving of both straw and time.

The sale of breeding rams continues as buyers want new tups to run with their ewes. A healthy breeding ram can service about 40 ewes during the season which should result in about 70 lambs, so investment in good genetics is important. We take rams to sales in Kent and Sussex but prefer where possible to sell them direct off the farm as this is more personal, and the less time I spend on the M25 the better! This week I split our ewe flock into 3 groups and introduced a ram to each lot. All the best Suffolk ewes are bred to one of our two Suffolk rams while the small group of Blue Texel ewes will go to a ram of that breed. A few of the less good Suffolks will be mated to the Blue Texel ram, this results in

crossbred lambs which benefit from hybrid vigour and are very suitable for the meat trade.

Recently we took two of our prime crossbred beef heifers to the abattoir and will be offering freezer packs of boxed beef for sale in a few weeks. We sell packs of one eighth of an animal which is bagged and labelled and includes all the usual cuts. A pack weighs about 30kg and costs £10/kg.

#### **Chris Partridge**



**Beef heifers** 

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Kersey Tye enjoyed a rather wet and windy BBQ this year. However, spirits were high as the Tye shared a fabulous BBQ cooked by Pat, Yasmin, Jay and Jessie. It was lovely to be able to welcome Serena to the Tye properly and we had a near full house this year which was terrific. Huge thanks to Hugo and Jessie who hosted the event and to Pat and Jessie for organising.

This year was the 2nd presentation of the Bob Wheeler Memorial Cup. Bob was a much loved and valued member of the Tye who died in 2021. The cup recognises a villager who has gone over and above for the Tye, someone to whom the Tye turn to in times of need; someone who we want to celebrate. This year the cup was presented to the wonderful Kim Daniels; the new Queen of Kersey Tye! Kim has been the Tye's go-to heroine for many years. She has patched up numerous



inhabitants, checked on healing wounds, worked tirelessly for 30 years for the NHS and been a stalwart. Kim is pictured here receiving the cup with Terry Kilfeather (in his finest apron), winner of last years' award.

We all feel very lucky to live in such a beautiful place with such great neighbours. Thank you all for your food and help during the day. Roll on 2024 for our celebratory 10th year.

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### PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held on the 4th September.

Present were chair, John Hume plus four councillors. Also present were clerk, county and district councillors and five members of the public.

Apologies received from two councillors and one member of the public.

Minutes of last meeting were and signed as correct.

**Reports:** Robert Lindsay, County Councillor. He has been assured that verges that have been left out do get cut. He thanked the Parish council for their support to get the speed limit reduced on Union Hill, Semer. A decision should be given at the end of September. The 30 mph limit in Stone Street has been approved with the proviso that some low cost speed reduction measures be installed. Hadleigh High school is one of those affected by the "RAAC" issue. Suffolk CC is not supporting the latest proposals by the National Grid to install electricity pylons across the county.

Part of the Tour of Britain Cycle race takes in Union Hill. A new Suffolk Fire and Rescue Training centre at Wattisham has had an upgrade and was formally opened in August.

Leigh Jamieson, District Councillor. Land to rear of 1-6 the Street. This application has now been submitted by the rightful owner. Leigh has been advised that this is a conservation area notification and not an application. The validation requirements are different. The new administration at Babergh have finally agreed a number of priorities that will be the basis of plans for the next four years. Increased climate change action, close collaboration with communities and a focus on good housing. The council is set to benefit from a new round of funding thanks to the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

**Parish Time:** Concern was raised about the lack of verges being cut which was causing a safety issue. The landowner has been contacted about cutting back growth on Church hill bank below the new seat. It is very overgrown and blocking the view of the village.

**Planning applications** to be considered: Ballyquirke, Kersey Farm. Householder application. Erection of a single storey linked extension. The applicant was present and outlined the proposal to provide more space for working from home and to provide a lift to first floor living area to make it more accessible for those with mobility issues. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting this proposal.

Land to rear of 1-6 The Street. Notification of works to trees in a conservation area. To fell Leylandii. The trees currently provide a screen along the boundary and it would be disappointing to lose tree canopy cover. Members of the public also gave their objections. The council voted to object to this application. There was no evidence to suggest that the trees pose a danger to the public. If Babergh decide that the trees could be removed the Parish Council would like them replaced with several native trees rather than one oak tree as proposed.

Land to west of Alexandra Lodge, Kersey Uplands. Proposal: Erection of single storey dwelling with cart lodge. Councillors considered the application. The design was considered to be poor and not very interesting. The council recognises the need for more housing but there were concerns about the sustainability of a new property in this location due to lack of public transport and loss of agricultural land. Members of the public spoke in objection of this application. The council considered all the comments

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and then voted by a majority decision to object due to poor design, concerns about sustainability and the risk that this might set a precedent for further development.

**Clerk's Report:** The clerk had provided the new councillor with all the documents and information to carry out her role as a parish councillor. The defibrillator is regularly checked and is ready for use if needed. The clerk had managed to secure some more funding for the new defibrillator which will soon be ordered. The clerk had been in contact with the County Council portfolio holder for highways to try to find out why verges in Kersey had not been completed this year. It would appear that the verges which had been cut had been done by property owners and farmers. A response had been received to say that C&U roads should have been cut at the end of June. Highways will check their records. Cherry Hill was inspected and a priority order placed to get the overhanging vegetation cut back. A coffee morning for the Parish Council to thank the Covid 19 support group and emergency plan volunteers has been arranged. Anyone else interested in joining the group are welcome to attend. The Glebe field gate has been replaced. The clerk responded to the National Grid consultation and the A1141 40 mph speed limit report as agreed.

Correspondence: All was noted.

**Finance:** All financial items had been checked and were approved. Estimates had been received to complete repairs and for preservative treatment of timber assets. The work will be carried out in the next few weeks.

**Footpath Working Group:** Report was received. All paths are in reasonable walking condition. Second cuts would be completed by end September/early October. Steps from Kersey Vale on footpath 8 were beginning to rot and needed repairing.

**KCPC Working Group:** A report was received. The grass rota continues to work well. Volunteers had spread extra rubber chippings under the swing and climbing wall areas. Quiz night date has been set for the 10th November. A maintenance day will need to be fixed to cut the hedge. The RoSPA inspection will be carried out this month.

**Consider Parish Council Insurance** providers and cover offered. Quotes had been received. It was resolved to accept one of these. It is used by many other parish councils.

**Consider progress with the Parish Review.** A Babergh officer is happy to support the Council with the Review. It was agreed to fix an informal meeting with the officer to find out more information.

**Community Emergency Plan:** The Chair had reviewed the plan which has now been updated by the clerk. A non-confidential copy of the plan is published on the website.

**Receive report** following review of website accessibility. Suffolk.Cloud provide the template and are responsible for the technical elements of the website. The Parish Council is responsible for content such as page text, images, links and attached documents. The accessibility statement on the website has been updated.

Arrange the Clerk's job appraisal and salary review. The Chair and Clerk will meet before the November meeting.

Agree content for "Pride in our Parish" article. It was agreed to write an article about

### PARISH COUNCIL (cont.)

the role of the Local History Recorder and thank Yvonne Martin for carrying out this role. A new Recorder is needed. The Community Organisation Spotlight for October will be the Village Hall. The December edition spotlight will be *Kersey Projects*. Forget-Me-Nots can be done next year.

Training: Some of the newer Councillors have booked up for training.

**Reports:** Once received notes will be circulated on Police and Parish forum and SALC AGM.

Dates of forthcoming meetings were given.

Next Parish Council meeting will be the 20th November.,

A full report can be found on the website.

**Rachel Wells.** 

### PRIDE IN OUR PARISH

#### Did you know Kersey has a Local History Recorder?

The local history recorder keeps a record of the 'present' at a local level so that it is available in the future. We are very grateful to Yvonne Martin who has been Kersey's Local History Recorder for many years.

Yvonne tells us the main job is to write a short annual report detailing events and significant happenings in the parish during the year. This report along with any collected parish newsletters and items of interest are then submitted to the Suffolk Records Office.

Kersey is now looking for a new Local History Recorder. The role is as big or small as you wish to make it. You do not need to be a historian or have any qualifications other than an interest in Kersey.

As well as the Local History Recorder role, Yvonne became very interested in local history research and wrote her book Kersey Through the Centuries. This book gives us a new and exciting picture of Kersey life through the ages. She also spent time working on the Kersey website where you can find a gallery of wonderful photographs showing Kersey through the ages. More information about the book and Kersey history can be found on the website. https://kersey. suffolk.cloud/local-history/

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Sarah Partridge kerseypc@gmail.com or talk to John Hume 01473 810098 johnhumekerseypc@gmail.com.

John Hume Chair, Kersey Parish Council

#### DIARY DATES

3 Oct –Tuesday club	Village Hall	14.30
7 Oct – Nightingale Trust meeting	Village Hall	14.30
8 Oct – Harvest Festival	St Mary's	16.00
14 Oct – Autumn Buffet	Village Hall	
3 Nov – Jazz Night	St Mary's	19.30
10 Nov – Kersey Playground Quiz Night.	Village Hall	19.00
8 Dec – Christmas Supper Dance	St Mary's	19.00

### **Community Organisation Spotlight:**

#### Spotlight on Kersey Village Hall

Kersey is lucky to have its own Village Hall which dates from the 1930s. The hall is a charitable trust and is run by the trustees and committee members. The hall has a main room, a committee room, a stage with lighting and a fully functioning and equipped kitchen. It is available for hire for parties, dinners, kids' parties, receptions etc. and the current hourly rate is £15 however parishioners get a residents' discount.

The hall also hosts various weekly and annual events including yoga, table tennis, art classes, Autumn buffet, Kersey Quiz, various committee meetings.

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