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Kersey is under threat

Hello my dear Readers – I have to start this month with grave matters. The ancient village of Kersey is under threat. The picture shows me in the delightful High Street that falls down to the water splash and then rises to the Church of St Mary that has gazed over the rolling countryside for nearly a thousand years. A Planning Application has been made to squash six two storey houses and twelve



parking spaces immediately behind a run of six Listed cottages and at the heart of the Conservation Area. The cottage residents would look out of their homes onto a concrete jungle pressed up against their back windows. If this went through it would be a travesty for the village. We are raping and pillaging the Suffolk Countryside and its little old villages for nothing more than a quick profit. Babergh District Council has just given the green light for almost a small town near the Holiday Inn at the start of the A1071 – isn't that enough. Do send any objections to Peter Beer Chairman of Babergh Planning Committee E: peter.beer@babergh.gov.uk. I gather that the application will be before the Planning Committee at Babergh on Wednesday, 23 March 2016. Do write straight away. If you want to offer help to Kersey contact: E: kersey.conservresidents@gmail.com.

As I think of Kersey my mind turns to Walmington on Sea, the home of Dad's Army. I do love the old series and went to see the new film with relish. It was somewhat corny but amusing nonetheless. How the world has changed. Frank's friend Ophelia Balls wrote to express concern about Frank's aubergines; she was worried that they had been put out too early and could wither in the frost. One reader was most surprised that Frank had to eat his supper in the Public Bar when my mother and I called at a Dining Room for dinner. Honestly, whatever next, soon one will be expected to rub shoulders with Frank in the chauffeur's compartment.

By the way, the family's Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III Long Wheel base motor car with division (garnet in colour) has sadly been put up for sale. I quite understand that you may not have your own chauffeur but it is more than suitable for an owner-driver too. I know that many classic car buffs follow my column and do let me know if anyone is interested.

We are fortunate that the New Year has been as busy as ever. You may in the Spring be looking to purchase another property or sell something – as you know, you have experience in abundance here and so give us a call. So many of you appreciate the importance of a Lasting Power of Attorney. It would make life so much easier for your family should mental capacity be lost. Do contact us to discuss matters.

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