

THE
LITTLE CORNARD
MAGAZINE



Easter 2024



SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Currently services are held on the
2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10.30 a.m.

10th March Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30 a.m.

24th March Palm Sunday Service at 10.30 a.m.

31st March Easter Day Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m.
followed by Breakfast in the Schoolroom

**Updates will be posted on the church notice
board and on the website**
www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk

From All Saints Registers

Funeral

Edward Tolfts

Funeral and Burial

Peter Robert Kemball

*Cover photograph taken at Cornard Mere by Robin Ford in March 2011.
This beautiful Black Poplar tree was later severely damaged by a lightning strike.*

Vicar's Letter Easter 2024

Dear Friends



By the time you read this, I expect the delight of spring will have started to come alive. I am writing on the last day of January, having just spotted snowdrops heralding the hope of the new life to come. I can't wait! What causes those spring flowers we love to bloom? Apparently, the process is all triggered by a single plant protein named CONSTANS. This protein "turns on" as the number of daylight hours increases.

There's a famous vision in the Bible book by the prophet Ezekiel, set in a valley full of dry bones. At the time, all the dreams of God's people seemed to be dead. Was it all lost forever? Or was life dormant as in winter, with the hope of everything coming alive again? Ezekiel is given hope in the vision as the dry bones come alive. The bones come together, tendons and flesh appear on them, and then life is breathed into them.

But what is the trigger? What causes the dead to come alive? It all begins when God tells Ezekiel to 'prophesy to these bones and say to them: "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!"' This comes up again and again in the Bible: God's message ultimately the good news of Jesus' coming alive brings new life where there was death. It triggers beauty to bloom where winter seemed like it would never end.

Perhaps you wonder what it would be like to come alive? Why not join us for Hope Explored, beginning on Tuesday 23 April at 7pm in St Mary's, Bures.

I hope you have a joyful Easter!

Daniel

Wise Words

God, send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me,
only sustain me.

Dr David Livingstone 1813 - 1873

Church Warden's Notes

We have continued to have a good attendance at church over the Christmas period. The candle lit Carol Service was, as usual, particularly popular, as was the service on Christmas Morning. At the start of January, we had our Plough Sunday service and Daniel blessed the plough so we will hopefully have some splendid spring crops.

Two funerals have been held at All Saints recently, for Edward Tolfts and Robert Kemball, both of which were well attended. For Robert's we had to lay on a video link to both the school room and the internet to accommodate friends and family who couldn't make the church. Robert was a well-known farmer and countryman; his family had farmed for many years at Little Greys in Cornard before moving to Dunstead Farm near Bures thirty years ago.

We have our Mothering Sunday service coming up on March 10th and the Easter Day service at 8.00 am on March 31st which will be followed by the Easter Breakfast. As always everyone is welcome.

Recently a gentleman from the Diocese was telling us of clever things that churches could do to improve their prospects. We said that it wasn't so easy when you were a small rural parish. He assured us that technically speaking none of the parishes in the benefice was small, and as Little Cornard regularly had congregations of over twenty-five or thirty we were what the Church of England considered a large church - so do come and join the crowd!


Jeremy Apter and Brenda Pentney

First Tuesday Open Church and Cafe

On the first Tuesday of each month, other than January, the Schoolroom is open from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm with a continuous supply of teas and coffees with lunch being served at 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to call in for chat and friendship. Dates for Spring and Summer are March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd and August 6th.

If you are wanting a quiet space for thoughts and reflection, the church is open for you on these days. For access to the church at any other time, please speak to Brenda or Jeremy (see Who's Who in our Parish for contact details).

Brenda Pentney



POTTY ABOUT PLANTS?

Visit our garden centre
and coffee shop
in Sudbury

Perrywood
www.perrywoodsudbury.co.uk



Gerry Bird
Consultants Ltd

01787 227 210

**Chartered Building Surveying services
for Home Purchase Surveys**

**Architectural Services for
Extensions and Refurbishments**

Repair Schemes and General Property Advice

We are Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
and Chartered Institute of Building qualified
with over 40 years' experience in the Suffolk and Essex areas



2024

On the
LAST FRIDAY
of each
month

SUDBURY

FARMERS MARKET

9.30AM – 2PM

MARKET HILL
SUDBURY
CO10 2EH



Jan 26th
Feb 23rd
Mar 29th
Apr 26th
May 31st
Jun 28th
Jul 26th
Aug 30th
Sep 27th
Oct 25th
Nov 29th
Dec 20th
(third Friday)

WWW.SUFFOLKMARKETEVENTS.CO.UK

E: HELLO@SUFFOLKMARKETEVENTS.CO.UK

T: 07704 627973

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

FJG

FISHER
JONES
GREENWOOD
SOLICITORS



Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch

Hang up on fraudsters!

Fraudsters are doing their best to get their hands on your money. They'll call you on the phone posing as bank staff, police officers or other officials claiming there's been fraud on your account and that you need to take urgent action. They are very convincing. They may even ask you to check the number on your phone display matches your bank's registered phone number. Don't trust the display as the number showing can be altered by the caller.

Always remember that your bank or the police will never:

- Phone you to ask for your 4-digit card PIN or your online banking password, even by tapping them into the telephone keypad.
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
- Ask you to transfer money to a new account for fraud reasons, even if they say it is in your name.
- Send someone to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book if you are a victim of fraud.
- Ask you to purchase goods using your card and then hand them over for safe-keeping.

If you get a call like this, hang up, wait five minutes to clear the line, then call your bank or card issuer on their advertised number to alert them to the scam.

Please email mjsmith500@outlook.com if you would like to join the Group
Mark Smith Little Cornard NHW Coordinator

Decorating the Church for Easter

Dear Ladies

We will be setting up the flowers for the Easter Sunday Service on the morning of Good Friday, 29th March from 9.30 am onwards. We hope that all the usual helpers will be able to join us once again.

We will be buying lilies to decorate the church and if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please get in touch with our PCC treasurer Paul Baker on 379923.

We look forward to meeting you all again.

Many thanks

Glyn Donnelly 312580 and Marian Turner 377889

Lawyers for life

**Bates Wells
& Braithwaite**



Solicitors advising on:

- Accident Claims/Personal Injury
- Agriculture and Rural Business
- Children
- Commercial and Company Law
- Commercial/Business Disputes
- Debt Recovery
- Employment
- Estates, Trusts and Wills
- Family
- Litigation/Dispute Resolution
- Matrimonial
- Residential Property



Bates Wells & Braithwaite Limited
27 Friars Street Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2AD
T: 01787 880440 F: 01787 880488
www.bwblegal.com

Little Cornard Community Speed Watch

We are continuing to carry out surveys twice a week when possible. Over the last few months, we have noticed that we are recording fewer speeding vehicles than before, even though the actual number of vehicles remains the same. We are very cautiously optimistic that more drivers are adhering to the 30 mph speed limit along the Little Cornard stretch of the Bures Road.

The automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) camera will be in place for a week commencing 1st April and this time it will be placed near to the Willowmere Caravan Park. This camera records the vehicle registration number of speeding vehicles and warning letters are sent to the registered owners. A maximum of two letters are sent then further speeding will result in the vehicle owner receiving a visit from a police officer.

We now have a new community police officer, Steve Coughlan, and part of his role is to attend as many Community Speedwatch sessions in the Sudbury area as possible. Using his official speed device, he is able to immediately issue endorsement notices.

As always, we would very much welcome new members to the team. Please contact me, Janice Sampson on 07990 927155 if you feel you could help by regularly joining us or just on the odd occasion.

Janice Sampson

Churches Together in Sudbury & District

All Saints Little Cornard is part of Churches Together in Sudbury and District, an ecumenical group of more than 25 churches who meet regularly for prayer, worship and discussion. Weekly prayer breakfasts are held each Saturday from 8.00 - 9.30am - a light breakfast followed by a time of prayer. We will be hosting the one on 20th April in the schoolroom. All are welcome.

CTiSD supports many local community initiatives such as Open the Book, Eden's, Abbi's Footprints, No.72, etc, and runs Kettle & Fish, where you will find refreshments, information about our activities, and spiritual support if required, most Thursdays from 10am to 1.30pm. For many years this took place in St Peter's but is now banned by the current Bridge Project management so continues to run in Suffolk Road Church.

To sign up for a weekly newsletter, email ctis.news@gmail.com.

Christian Aid Week runs from 12-18 May this year. We aim to deliver envelopes all around Sudbury and if you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact me.

Clare Lodge, CTiSD representative - 07931 807793

The One Bell Inn



Maurice Causton with Kitty the pony outside the One Bell Inn

My genealogy investigations told me that my grandmother and her parents were born in Little Cornard, but at the time of this discovery I had little chance of visiting the village. I cannot remember the date but an unexpected two-day trip to the area with a friend coincided with the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride event that year and we decided to visit.

Upon arrival we had a little puzzle over the entrance to the church (via the farmyard) and finding the church open we investigated. The names of my grandmother's brothers, Charles and Rupert, were on the memorial both in the church and in the church grounds although Rupert's initials were R J and not as listed on the memorial.

We stopped for refreshments in the schoolroom and met Doris & Peter Cutmore. Sadly, Peter is no longer with us, but Doris and I have corresponded ever since. It was Doris who told local historian Steven Bird, who was trying to find everyone on the memorial, that we were part of the story. He had already contacted the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) to arrange for a headstone, and we were only too happy for it to go ahead. The commemoration service, following a Sunday service, was very special with the congregation joining us to bless the stone. Three of us attended that day: my mum, my husband and me.

The story of the family goes:

My great grandfather was Henry Causton, an agricultural worker, born in Little Cornard in 1808. He married twice, first to Hannah with whom he had five children. Their names were Hannah, Sarah, John, Mary Ann and Amelia. When his wife Hannah died, Henry married again. His second wife was Anna Maria Fitch, nee Snelling, and the children from that union were, Charles, Arthur, Elizabeth, Anna Mary, Eliza Esther and Maurice George, my grandfather.

Charles and Arthur later emigrated to Canada and the USA. Maurice married Sarah Ann Tiffin in 1887. They lived in Spout Lane and had six children: Charles, Rupert John, Ivy, Martha Phyllis (my grandmother), Emma (known as Cis) & Florrie. The names of Charles (who died during WWII and is buried in Essex) & Rupert (buried in the churchyard with full military honours but exact spot unknown) are on the war memorial in the churchyard of All Saints, Little Cornard, and in the church. Rupert died from shrapnel wounds to the head. He was only back home a few days before he collapsed and then died on the operating table. His is the CWGC headstone which stands outside the church door.

Maurice and Sarah moved to Lidgate, near Newmarket, for a few years with at least one of their children attending the village school there. Later the family returned to Little Cornard where for several years beginning in 1921 Maurice ran The One Bell Inn. We were told that Maurice had a parrot in the pub which called out 'Waiter, waiter, bring Polly a pint of beer' and it could also swear like a trooper. Sarah had heart problems and unfortunately caught 'flu in the 1918 epidemic and died. She is buried in the churchyard. Maurice later moved to Enfield. He died in 1937 and lies buried somewhere in Little Cornard churchyard. Martha Phyllis (Phyl) died in 1989 and Phyllis (her daughter, my mother) known as Pip died in 2015.

Little Cornard still 'tugs' a bit, I guess because Nan talked so much about it and her life there. It would be good to visit again at some point.

Jan Reed



Sarah Causton (nee Tiffin) with children Martha Phyllis & Rupert (back) & Charles & Ivy (front)

USEFUL CONTACTS & EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance - Emergencies

Police - Non emergency situation

NHS Direct

Police - Minicom users with hearing difficulties

Sudbury Police Station, Acton Lane, Sudbury CO10 1QN

Phone 999

Phone 101

Phone 111

01473 611160

Tel 01473 613500

Highways – report potholes, dangerous road defects etc.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/>

Other enquiries, 8.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday

9.00 a.m.-1.00p.m. Saturdays

Highways – out of hours

0845 606 6171

01473 433444

Anglian Water

www.anglianwater.co.uk

Mains water leaks

Water supply + public sewerage emergencies

Electricity power problems

0800 771881

08457 145145

105 / 0800 3163105

Little Cornard Parish Council website

<https://e-voice.org.uk/littlecornardpc>

Little Cornard Village Hall -

Mark Irwin

All Saints Church Wardens -

Jeremy Apter

Brenda Pentney

07545 543729

markirwin777@gmail.com

07813 717659

01787 227615

The Bell Tower Report

Our Wednesday practice evenings and Sunday service ringing continue, and recently we have had some additional Friday evenings for beginners and early learners. We are at the church from 7.00 pm on Wednesdays and welcome anyone who would like to learn how to ring the bells or just learn more about it. If you would like to talk about it first feel free to ring me on the number below.

Tea and homemade cake are served and much enjoyed after Wednesday ringing.

Practice nights are well attended with

sometimes as many as between sixteen to twenty people of varying abilities coming along to ring.



Little Cornard Bell Band (Missing from photo are Derek Rose, Robyn Slater and Sue Howland-Jackson)

We are also ringing and offering the opportunity for the public to try ringing, at Sudbury Arts Centre (St Peter's Church on Market Hill). Derek Rose and I with a number of our band of ringers are there on Thursdays and some Saturdays from 1.30 pm until 3.00 pm to ring the lovely bells from the new mezzanine floor. This initiative has created a lot of interest and we have inspired a few people to take up ringing and others to return to ringing after some time away from it.

We plan to ring and offer some teaching, or chances to try ringing, at the Little Cornard Flower Festival which will be held, as usual, at All Saints over the second weekend in May. Please put the date in your diary!

Our four new learners, Sheila, Avril, Sue and Tim are still progressing well with some now joining us for service ringing on Sundays.

Jill Apter has recently rung her first peal – that's three hours of ringing a method of Bob doubles with 5040 changes – a remarkable achievement given that Jill only started learning to ring with us here at All Saints in December 2018. Great work in a short time to reach that standard.

Little Cornard ringers have been representing the village at several events around the district. We provided ringers for carol and crib services at St Gregory's in Sudbury, Bures and Acton churches as well as our own carol service of course. We also provided several ringers for the opening of Sudbury Arts Centre back in October and rang for November's Christmas lights switch on event in the town centre. If you were in the town that night - some of us were up in the top of the tower!

At Christmas we rang for Midnight Mass at St Gregory's and on Christmas

morning for the service here at All Saints. Lovely tradition ringing out on that morning.

We will be ringing with other local churches at the forthcoming Suffolk Guild Open Tower days. The first of these for 2024 has already taken place and was at Lavenham, where the bells are heavy in comparison to ours with the tenor bell weighing in at twenty-one hundredweight. We ring at Bures church too and have just helped with some repairs to their tenor bell.



Inside the Bell Tower at Bures Church

A big thank you as always to our immediate neighbours and church goers for their tolerance and encouragement of our ringing. We very much appreciate your support.

Ringing is good exercise, gets you out among very friendly groups of people and maintains an ancient traditional art. We will welcome anyone on a Wednesday evening 7.00 pm who would like to learn this traditional skill so do come along or call me on 01787 227259 for any further information.

Gerald Bird

Little Cornard Village Hall

Available for hire: The cost of hiring the hall:

Weekdays

Summer rate (1 April - 30 September) £20 per session (3 hours) for local residents, £25 per session (3 hours) for non - residents.

Winter rate (1 October - 31 March) £25 per session (3 hours) for local residents and £30 per session (3 hours) for non residents.

Additional hours £8 per hour.

Saturday / Sunday

As above for hours up until 5.00pm

After 5.00pm until 11.30pm £60

All lettings are at the discretion of the committee.

Please contact the Bookings Secretary if interested.

Mark Irwin Tel: 07545 543729 or email markirwin777@gmail.com

Fuel Support

Find out more about the support in your area

Help to heat your home:

- Prepayment meters – if you are unable to top up your prepayment meter, Citizens Advice can offer you advice and may be able to refer you for charitable support. You can also contact Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk for support, advice and an in home survey from a Pre Pay Coordinator. Call 07769 365796 or email prepay@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.
- Local Welfare Assistance Scheme – This hardship grant offers payments up to £300 towards the cost of essentials, including energy. Visit the Suffolk County Council website for more information and to apply.
- Surviving Winter - offers help, such as fuel vouchers or support for alternative fuels like oil and LPG, to help you heat your home. Apply online via the Citizens Advice Ipswich website or call 01473 298634 to find out if you are eligible.
- Emergency Heating – if your home currently has no heating, Warm Homes Healthy People can provide free emergency heaters and help you find longer term support. Call 03456 037 686 or email whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk. Subject to availability.

Bringing down your bills:

- Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk - offers free efficiency surveys and advice to help you use less energy. If you are a private tenant or homeowner, they can also tell you if you are eligible for energy efficiency grants. For more information visit www.warmhomessuffolk.org or call 03456 037 686.
- National Energy Action - runs a Warm and Safe Homes helpline which advises on ways to reduce energy use and improve efficiency. It also offers support to switch suppliers and advice if you get behind on payments. Call 0800 304 7159 or visit www.nea.org.uk.

Help for off-gas homes:

- Oil loans - Eastern Savings and Loan Credit Union offer interest-free loans of £500 to help spread the upfront cost of oil and LPG. To become a member and apply visit www.eslcu.co.uk or call 03336 000690. Subject to a manual decision process, affordability and a credit check.
- Oil buying clubs – Bulk buying reduces the cost of your heating oil. Find out if your community has an oil buying club by visiting www.oil-club.co.uk, you can also check the Community Action Suffolk website for details of their scheme www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk or call 01603 881 888.

Dealing with energy debt:

-
- Supplier grants - many energy suppliers have grants to reduce or clear debt if you meet their criteria. Speak to your energy supplier to see what help you can get.
 - Citizens Advice - offers advice for energy, debt and more. They can support you to create a budget, negotiate with your supplier and boost your income.
 - Benefit entitlement – payments such as Warm Homes Discount, Cold Weather Payments, and extra Winter Fuel Payments can add up to hundreds of pounds to help you pay your energy bills – but you'll need to be claiming certain benefits to get them. Benefit checks can be done online at www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators, or by contacting your local Citizens Advice.

More information

Visit www.babergh.gov.uk/energy-fuel-and-utilities for more resources to help you keep fuel and utility costs down.

If you would like help to access the internet, or to use a computer, phone or tablet, you can contact Babergh's Digital Skills team 0300 123 4 000, option 7, who can help you find support in your area.

One hundred and fifty years ago...

On 18th April 1874, in Westminster Abbey, the funeral took place of missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone. He had died in Africa nearly a year earlier. The inscription on his gravestone, in brass letters, reads: Brought by faithful hands over land and sea, here rests David Livingstone, missionary, traveller, philanthropist, born March 19th 1813 at Blantyre, Lanarkshire. Died May 1st 1873 at Chitambo's Village, Ulala.

A wreath sent by Queen Victoria was placed on the coffin and buried with him. Livingstone's faithful servant had to be restrained from throwing himself into the grave.

For further reading go to www.westminster-abbey.org

One hundred and eighty years ago...

On May 24th 1844 in Washington DC, Samuel F. B. Morse sent the first long distance telegraph message. Sent from the Supreme Court room in the Capitol to his assistant Alfred Vail in Baltimore the message, recorded on paper tape, read: What hath God wrought? The quotation, taken from the Bible Numbers 23:23 was suggested to Morse by Annie Ailsworth, the young daughter of a friend. The electrical telegraph was widely used from the 1840s. Although its use declined from the 1920s as telephone systems were developed it was not until 1993 that the last publicly available electrical telegraph ceased operating.

Suffolk Prisoners of War Help Committee

Looking through some old documents dating back to the First World War recently, I found a booklet from the Suffolk Prisoners of War Help Committee.

The Committee was formed in early 1915 to send assistance in the form of food parcels to POWs of the Suffolk Regiment. These were intended to be supplements to the German rations, but it was found necessary to increase the contents due to shortage of food at the POW camps. In 1916 the parcels were stopped for a while due to censorship but eventually began again in an organised rota sending three ten-pound (lb) parcels per fortnight, a weekly ration of bread, some clothing and tobacco with other odd comforts as they were available. Apparently, the cost of each parcel at that time was nine shillings and sixpence (47.5p).

Typical contents were:	1lb tin of pork and beans.	½ lb tin of dripping.
	1lb tin of Eggs and Bacon.	1 carton biscuits.
	¼ lb pure cocoa.	1lb Rice.
	1 toilet soap.	1lb tin suet pudding.
	1lb tin marmalade.	1lb rolled oats.
	20 woodbine cigarettes.	

A weekly parcel of bread was sent to each man through the Bread Bureau for Prisoners of War, established by Lady Grant-Duff whose husband Sir Evelyn Grant-Duff was British Envoy to the Swiss Confederation. The Berne depot and one in Copenhagen were used mainly. The bread condition was not always good due to hot weather and delays in transit!

Clothing was dispatched every six months.

Delivery was found to be good – considering the difficulties. A few parcels were lost or stolen but eighty to ninety per cent were recorded as getting through. The committee recorded one thousand, four hundred and fifty Prisoners of War from the Suffolk Regiment. The committee's annual expenditure was estimated at £45,000. Most money raised was from donations.

It must have been a huge relief to the prisoners to receive such parcels in the camp conditions.

Lots of letters are recorded from prisoners: - One from Private R. Lovett reads: - We Suffolk Men feel very proud of our county and the kind subscribers to its fund. We must thank them most heartily for the good things they have sent us in the food, clothing etc for the past three years.

Other letters came from: - Pte W Brooksbank, Pte P Parr, Sergeant R Aldous. Pte G Flemming and Corporal T Rush.

Good to be a Suffolk boy!! *Gerald Bird*

Storehouse Foodbank

The Storehouse Foodbank is a compassion ministry affiliated to the Stour Valley Vineyard Church. The aim of the teams of volunteers is to help local families and individuals in crisis. There are donation points at Sudbury branches of Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Tesco and at East of England Co-op shops in Great Cornard, Lavenham and Long Melford. Dry stores foods only please as they do not have refrigeration facilities. More information, including if you would like to volunteer your help, and a list of the most needed items can be found at [**https://stourvalleyvineyard.org/storehouse**](https://stourvalleyvineyard.org/storehouse)

Cornard Environment and Wildlife Group

The Cornard Environment and Wildlife Group was established twelve months ago, in the hope that we could improve the environment for the community, and for wildlife in the Cornard area. Two open meetings were held at The Stevenson Centre, to gauge local needs and interest. These resulted in a sign up of around forty people, and the formation of a committee.

A number of litter picks have been carried out in the last year. Along Wells Hall Road, outside the schools, we have undertaken hedge tidying and leaf clearing. Passers-by have been very appreciative of this work.

At the Cornard Fete, in July, we had a stall to raise our profile in the community, we displayed information about garden wildlife, had our local hedgehog rescue volunteer on hand to give advice and sold wildflower plants raised from responsibly sourced seed.

In November our first event, 'Wildlife on Your Doorstep', was held at the Stevenson Centre. From within our group, and the wider conservation community, we brought together an information evening covering hedgehog rescue, bee keeping, fungi, pond life, birds, local planning issues, and love of spiders! It was well attended, despite the wind and rain. A second such event will be held in the summer! We also hope to attract more children and families, by holding it during the daytime.

The Cornard Environment and Wildlife Group has links with The Parish Council, Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council, The Sudbury Common Lands Charity, Dedham Vale National Landscape and The Conservation Volunteers.

If you would like to be included in our mailing list please contact cornardewg@gmail.com

Our webpage is - <https://cornardewg.com>. We also have a Facebook page - Cornard Environment & Wildlife Group | Facebook

New members and ideas are always welcome.

Sarah Davies



Live well, *your* way

Your home is where you feel the most comfortable and the happiest. It is the place you know the best. If you want to stay living comfortably at home, Home Instead® can help make that possible.

- ♥ Home Help
- ♥ Companionship
- ♥ Personal Care
- ♦ Dementia Care

01376 319100 / 01206 417074
mike.shreehy@braintree.homeinstead.co.uk
www.homeinstead.co.uk/braintree

Each Home Instead franchise is independently owned and operated.
Copyright © Home Instead® 2021.



Edward Tolfts

Ed and I moved to Little Cornard in December 1989. We had been searching the area for some months before we came across Larkrise. We both loved it, no mean feat. A chartered surveyor, Eddie set about planning the renovation and enlarging of our new home.

Married for sixty three years, we had many happy years here together: family get-togethers in the garden and Christmases with the house bursting at the seams with sons, partners and an ever growing number of grandchildren, now numbering ten with five great grandchildren, sadly he left us before little Isobel was born in January.

A quiet man, he loved dining out and was no mean chef himself.

He was talented, loved carving, ballroom dancing and painting, particularly acrylics.

His funeral was held at All Saints Church, Little Cornard on December 6th, attended by family, friends, former work colleagues and kind neighbours.

So many happy memories. He is greatly missed by friends and family.

Many thanks to Rev. Daniel Whiffin for his kindness and help, we could not have received better.

Liz Tolfts

Suffolk Mobile Library Service

The library will deliver to anyone who finds it difficult to visit in person, including those living in care homes. To join the mobile library complete the online form or visit any Suffolk Mobile Library with proof of identity. The service is free to use. For more information go to www.suffolklibraries.co.uk or telephone 01473 351249 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Bury Mobile Library Route 20 Stop details			
Stop	Village	Location	Time
20A	Nayland	High Street P.O.	10.00 - 11.15
20B	Smallbridge	Flint Cottages	11.30 - 11.50
20C	Bures	Claypit Corner	12.05 - 12.35
20D	Bures	Church Square	12.40 - 1.10
20E	Bures	Normandie Way	2.20 - 2.50
20F	Bures	Paddocks	2.55 - 3.25
20G	Little Cornard	Workhouse Green	3.40 - 4.05
20H	Assington	Vickary Estate (junction)	4.15 - 4.35
20I	Newton Green	Church Road	4.45 - 5.05



Your regular Mobile Manager is Kevin Lambert. Ring or text Kevin directly on 07884 422762

Calling every 4 weeks on Saturdays in 2024	
We call at all these Stops on:	
Month	Date
January	27 th
February	24 th
March	23 rd
April	20 th
May	18 th
June	15 th
July	13 th
August	10 th
September	07 th
October	05 th
November	02 nd & 30 th
December	28 th

Parish Council Update

Easter 2024

It seems just a few weeks since the Christmas issue of the magazine was out – we have had one meeting since – and it's a very early Easter this year!

Consequently, we have not done much but we have got plans for a seat to be installed on the green in Upper Road – so sitters can view the valley from there, take a moment to snaffle some sandwiches on a walk break and rest, or catchup with a neighbour. It will of course face the valley, not the road and is funded by a locality grant supported by Lee Parker our Babergh District Councillor – Thank you Lee! We will say goodbye to James Finch of Suffolk County Council as he tells us he will not stand again. He has provided us great support for many projects, and we wish him and his wife peace, good health and the friendships he has fostered in our village. Thanks for your hard work, James!

We progress, with James' support, to press for a speed limit in the lanes – speed monitors have been put up and we await results. Watch this space.

We will hold our Annual Parish Meeting on 21st May at 7 pm – all are welcome, as you all are to any meeting. We were really pleased to welcome the local constable and his sergeant to the last parish council meeting – it wasn't an apparition – they were there and are really engaged with the rural policing they are carrying out. Mark Smith has a more detailed update about that. I think it's possibly been a decade since an officer attended a parish council meeting. If you want to know what one looks like we hope they will be there in May too.

I would like especially to thank all the people who have helped Shaun, our neighbour, to get back on his feet. Some help was financial, some practical, some people turned up with treats to help him recover from the devastating fire at his home. We see a rebuild in progress so hope to welcome him and Tommy his dog, back in the parish soon. The last year has brought together the human aspect of being a great neighbour in so many ways, facilitated by communications channels such as WhatsApp Groups. What a place to live, eh? Long may it continue.

Karen Gilbert
Chair and Neighbour

The Village Email List

We have a village email list where we post items relevant to the residents of Little Cornard. Are you on the list? If not, and you would like to be, please drop an email to patricia.monk@outlook.com



Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre & Complementary Health

- Musculoskeletal
- Neuro-Physiotherapy
- Sports Therapy
- Podiatry
- Pilates
- Sports Massage
- Clinical Hypnosis
- Shiatsu

Appointments available Monday - Saturday

Tel: 01787 378178 **Email:** sudburyphysio@hotmail.co.uk
www.sudburyphysio.co.uk
17 Gaol Lane • Sudbury • Suffolk • CO10 1JL



P L U M B I N G & H E A T I N G

FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

FULL HEATING SYSTEMS - GAS, OIL & ASHP

FULL DESIGN & BATHROOM INSTALLATION

POWER FLUSHING

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

RYAN SMITH - 07966 403823 | [INFO@GDPLUMBING.CO.UK](mailto:info@gdplumbing.co.uk)
SOUTH SUFFOLK BUSINESS CENTRE, ALEXANDRA ROAD, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK, CO10 2ZX

Village Hall News

At the latest Village Hall Management Committee meeting held in January it was agreed to progress with a number of fund-raising initiatives with the aim of enabling improvements to be made to the hall and to some of the facilities which the Village Hall can provide to the residents of Little Cornard. Fund raising is not reliant solely on holding paid social events but also in seeking grants from the local authority i.e. Babergh District Council and from 'Lottery Funding'.

The improvement proposals that the committee are seeking to achieve are listed below:

- *New and improved toilet facilities which are accessible to all*
- *Improved disabled parking and hall access*
- *Improved storage facilities within the hall*
- *Upgraded heating system which is more economical to use*
- *Review of current wastewater system and upgrade if required*
- *Addition of children's play equipment on new green space*
- *Provision of some outside seating / picnic tables on new green space*
- *Removal of concrete render to front of building and replacement with lime plaster*
- *Erection of a 'Cart Lodge' for storage*

The above list is ambitious, but it is hoped that if funding applications are successful many of these can be achieved. A small working group has been established to spearhead the initial funding applications, development plans and to seek necessary approvals from Babergh Planning and Heritage departments. Once approvals have been received more information will be communicated to residents, including details of the plans and timescales for delivery. Offers of help and support from residents are welcome and will be well received.

Spring Quiz 2024

The Spring Quiz will be held at the village hall on Saturday 13th April from 6.30pm with a prompt start at 7.00pm. As this has always been a popular event and places are limited kindly book as early as possible. Teams are generally of four people with a maximum of six. Entry cost is £7.50 per person which includes free tea / coffee and biscuits during the interval. A raffle will also be held during the evening. Please feel free to bring along your own drinks / nibbles.

To book your place please contact Nigel Monk at nmmnhst@gmail.com

Future Social Events at the Village Hall

Please refer to the new website detailed below to discover what future social events are planned and to keep up to date with Village Hall news.

<http://littlecornardparishhall.onesuffolk.net>

Mark Irwin

Plough Sunday 14th January



The Blessing of the Plough by Revs Daniel Whiffen and Tricia Box

After a well-attended service in Little Cornard's All Saints Church, the congregation transferred to the car park where Jeremy's very splendid tractor and plough awaited us. This machine was to be blessed in the same manner that farm implements have, in the past, been blessed, be they human, animal or machine. They had and still have one common goal and that is to provide food to enable we humans to survive. The blessing was, by chance, very appropriate in that this tractor was only two weeks from the date of acquisition and had yet to commence work. Reverends Daniel Whiffin and Tricia Box gave the blessing in a very efficient manner, much appreciated by the congregation due to the rather low outside temperature that morning. We must not underestimate the importance of the vital work that this splendid machine and others like it will be doing on our behalf.

John Harrington

Little Cornard Parish Councillors Contact Details:

Karen Gilbert (Chair)

07926 275754 clrgilbert.lcpc@gmail.com

Scott Savage

cllsavage.lcpc@gmail.com

Cheryl Crane (Vice-Chair)

cllrcrane.lcpc@gmail.com

Mark Smith

cllrsmith.lcpc@gmail.com

Clive Johnson

cllrjohnson.lcpc@gmail.com

Jill Thomas

cllrthomas.lcpc@gmail.com

Nigel Monk

cllrmonk.lcpc@gmail.com

WARDALE WILLIAMS THE OPTICIANS

Independent | SAFE | Professional



Do you want to
see perfectly and
look great?

We are your local
award-winning
independent
optician 

- Regulated by the NHS with strict safety standards
- Thin lens specialist so you look your best
- Risk-free varifocal guarantee
- Advanced eye health examinations with 3D OCT scanner; we can detect signs years before you notice any symptoms
- Hearing (audiology) service - FREE hearing assessments
- Contact lenses - all major brands sold
- First rate customer service - see our 5* Google Reviews!

50 Gainsborough Street, **Sudbury** CO10 2ET 01787 372 492
28 High Street, **Halstead** CO9 2AP 01787 472 209
www.wardalewilliams.co.uk **since 1947**



HOPE|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE
YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?

*Three-session course
open to everyone.*

*Tuesdays 23, 30 Apr, 7 May
7–8:15pm @ St Mary's Bures*

Sign up or find out more:
vicar@parishchurch.co.uk

HOPE | PEACE | PURPOSE

Thank you

On the 30th November 2023 my house in Chapel Lane burnt down.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support. I am extremely humbled by the generosity shown to me by the people of Little Cornard, many of whom I do not know personally. A simple thank you doesn't seem enough but I just wanted to say how grateful I am for all of your help. The fire was devastating and I am still in a state of shock. Everything I owned was in the house.

I am so thankful that I and Tommy my dog got out. I have settled into my temporary accommodation and will start to rebuild.

Thank you again.
Shaun and Tommy

WHAT DOES BREAKOUT DO?

Breakout

- Small business support; IT, Admin and more
- Websites, social media assistance and marketing
- Bookkeeping and tax returns
- Phone and computer support
- Ring Doorbell and camera install and support
- Desk Hire and coworking in Long Melford

GET IN TOUCH!

TEL : 01787 312064

hello@breakoutlongmelford.co.uk

www.breakoutservices.co.uk

10 Little St Mary's, Long Melford, CO10 9LB



Service of Remembrance November 2023

The annual Service of Remembrance was led by Andrew Clifft, beginning in the church with prayers, readings from the scriptures and the hymn, Eternal Father Strong to Save. As the time neared eleven o'clock the congregation filed out of church to assemble around the War Memorial.

A poppy wreath was laid at the Memorial by Marian Turner and the names of the fallen from the two World Wars were read by Nigel Monk. Stuart Mathieson sounded the Last Post and the Reveille on the cornet: the only sound during the two minutes' silence was the occasional twitter of a bird. Everyone then returned to church for the sermon from Andrew. The service concluded with the congregation singing the National Anthem

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

All monies collected at the service were donated to the Royal British Legion.
Brenda Pentney

New Suffolk Guild Members

Having reached the required standard, the latest Little Cornard bell ringers to be elected to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers are Laura Cook, Tony Baker and Sheila Baker. They were presented with their certificates by Pauline Brown, Chairperson of the SW District of the Suffolk Guild.



*Left to right Laura Cook, Tony Baker,
Sheila Baker and Pauline Brown*

LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

All meetings start at 7pm and members of the public or press may attend.

Minutes from Parish Council meetings are available on:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/littlecornardpc>

Clerk to the Parish Council - Kevin B. Money

Office Hours 9.00am - 12.00noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Telephone: 07810 781509 email: little.cornard.pc@gmail.com

Parish Council meeting dates for 2024

16th January 19th March 21st May (Annual Parish Meeting)

Meetings start at 7.00 pm

LITTLE CORNARD CHURCH

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Floral Displays
Well Stocked Plant Stall
Refreshments
Cakes & Produce,
Books & Jigsaw Puzzles

Saturday, 11th & Sunday, 12th May 2024

11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Evensong on 12th May at 4.30 p.m.

All Saints Church, Kedington Hill, Little Cornard, CO10 0PE

www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk



A Message from Suffolk Constabulary



PC Steven Coughlan

Since December 2023 Suffolk Constabulary has changed its local policing model to ensure we continue to provide the best possible service for the public.

The demands on neighbourhood policing have risen enormously over the last few years and this has led to increasing pressure on our teams. Our priority will always be to do everything we can to keep the public safe and to bring criminals to justice. To achieve this Suffolk constabulary needed to evolve.

The reshaping of our local policing structure will enhance the way we respond to

emergencies, deal with other incidents, investigate offences, prevent crime, and interact with communities across Suffolk. Community policing is the bedrock of all we do. There are fifty new Community Policing Areas with eighty Community Policing Officers (CPO). They will be more visible and have local ownership of the areas they serve. Officers, supported by Police Community Support Officers (CPSO), will be embedded in their specific Community Policing Areas. This will enable them to better understand the public's concerns and target activity where it is needed most.

PC 1192 Steven Coughlan covers Sudbury Rural North and will be focusing on demand reduction through the effective use of Vulnerability, Victim, Offender, Location data. The most prolific offenders and repeat victims will be owned by the CPO for that area.

PC Coughlan will engage with the community to better understand local priorities, identify problems, and deliver solutions to reduce demand in the medium to long term. As well as demand-led issues, he will conduct proactive engagement in schools and community groups increasing opportunities for the public to have their say about issues of concern.

PC Coughlan will work closely with partners to reduce and prevent crime and antisocial behaviour within his area.

Wanted...

If you have any books or jigsaw puzzles you are able to donate for the Flower Festival please contact any PCC member or bring them along on the day.

Who's Who in our Parish

www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk

Clergy:	Reverend Daniel Whiffin vicar@parishchurch.co.uk Reverend Mary Cantacuzene Reverend Simon White Reverend Tricia Box	228292 07932 033019 07572 418555 07747 124592
Readers:	Murray Emerson John Symons Andrew Clift Sylvia Gaspar	269073 211534 227648 204033
Pioneer Reader:	Sara Merritt saraljpx@gmail.com	07504 412420
Lay Elders:	Sue Emerson Carol Barnham Sue Ryman Andrea Carter	269073 228417 227715 228081
Organist:	Stuart Mathieson	07896 896559
Church Wardens:	Jeremy Apter Brenda Pentney	07813 717659 227615
Parochial Church Council:	Lucy Baker, Paul Baker, Rosemary Bullen, Phyllida Hallidie, Clare Lodge, Marian Turner	
PCC Secretary & Electoral Roll:	Clare Lodge	312494
Treasurer:	Paul Baker	07929 005620
Deanery Synod Reps:	Clare Lodge, Jeremy Apter	
Church Flowers & Cleaning:	Marian Turner Glyn Donnelly	377889 312580

News from Cornard Mere



Green Alkanet

When walking along the public footpath at Cornard Mere this Spring look out for clumps of a coarse, hairy, plant with bright blue flowers not dissimilar but larger than those of a forget-me-not. The plant in question is Green Alkanet *Pentaglottis sempervirens* (see photo).

Introduced to this country from South-West Europe in the 17th century and grown for a red dye obtained from its roots, Green Alkanet, in the 20th century, rapidly spread from gardens, colonising hedgerows and roadside verges. At Cornard Mere the plant is confined to a narrow strip either side of the footpath and is unlikely to invade any of the botanically sensitive areas of the reserve.

It has been a few years since a Greylag Goose *Anser anser*, wearing an orange neck collar, was last seen on Cornard Mere. The lettering on the collar revealed that this bird had been ringed in Thetford in Norfolk. In the latest edition of Suffolk Birds (2022), published by the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, there is an entry for a Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* that had been located, wearing a neck collar, in Little Cornard on the 6th of March 2021. Further detective work traced this bird's movements back to Deelenveg, in the Netherlands where the collar had been fitted on 9th June 2018. The bird was seen again at various sites in the Netherlands before its arrival in Little Cornard.

Robin Ford

Suffolk Wildlife Trust Voluntary Warden

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any matter of interest or news item you would like included in the next issue of the Little Cornard Magazine, please contact:-

Rosemary Bullen

bullenrosemary@gmail.com • Tel: 01787 379890

**All material for the Harvest magazine to be received by
Tuesday 30th July**

This is the Little Cornard Magazine which reports on all areas of interest in the parish. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee assist the Church with the finance of this magazine.

Tree Surgeon



Blake Tree Care 

M: 07515 288736

O: 01787 228341

info@blaketreecare.co.uk

www.blaketreecare.co.uk

Providing excellence in;

Tree Felling - Canopy Reduction - Hedge Cutting

Tree Shaping and pruning - Stump Grinding

Pollarding - Emergency Storm Damage

Free Consultation for Small and Large Jobs

Public Liability Insurance



See our reviews on facebook
Blake Tree Care Tree Surgeon

ALB-Framing

**If your picture needs framing,
we can do it!**

We're members of the *Fine Art Trade Guild* who themselves created the standards and guidelines for professional art framing together with picture printing. We continually work to these requirements.

Home or office visits are available. Following discussions about your requirements, in situ you'll see the various framing options.

07769 858076

www.alb-framing.com

info@alb-framing.com



BASIC COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP

St. Mary's Church, Bures



Thursdays 21 December, 18 January,
15 February and 21 March at 12 noon

Helping those who need it.

How it works: Simply come along, 'buy' a bag for £2 and then help yourself to what you want/need from what we have.



Barrett-Lee

Main Dealer Service at Independent Prices

- Dealer Level Servicing
- Full Repair Facilities
- Warranties are Safe
- Full Diagnostics
- Power Upgrades
- Air Conditioning
- Class IV MOT Tests
- Tyres Supplied & Fitted
- **FREE** Courtesy Cars



SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS & OFFERS

www.barrett-lee.co.uk
01787 370774

Unit 4, Byford Road, Sudbury CO10 2YG

BORDER ROOFING

TONY BUCK - BOB BUCK

Tel/Fax 01787 374920

Mobile: 0797 0668002

**GET GREAT LOCAL
COLOUR ADVERTISING
At a brilliant price
HERE!**

Delivered three times a year to
EVERY house in the village!
*All text content is included in
Google searches!*