

THE **LITTLE CORNARD** MAGAZINE



HARVEST 2015



SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Regular Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m.

Except 1st Sunday of the month

Benefice Communion

at St Mary's, Bures, at 10.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer each Friday at 9.00 a.m.

Harvest Festival

Sunday, 13th September at 6.30 p.m.

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 27th September at 10.30 a.m.

Remembrance Day

Sunday, 8th November at 10.30 a.m.

Christingle

Sunday, 22nd November at 10.30 a.m.

From All Saints Registers

Baptisms:

Hamish Will Sills, Florence Wooderson

Marriages:

Geoff Gardiner and Sue Hughes

Martin Brightwell and Alison French

Funeral:

Daphne Layzell

The Vicarage, Bures

Dear Friends,

Harvest 2015

Just a few days ago we hosted at All Saints church a Quiet Day for members of the local clergy in Sudbury Deanery. It was a time for stepping away for just a few hours from all the things that have to be done, and just resting awhile in the presence of God.

Sitting on a bench in the churchyard admiring the beauty of the church and its surroundings, I realised that in the year I have now been here, I had not previously seen the church from this angle, nor simply wandered through the churchyard from end to end. The weather was quite warm, but by the time you read this, the summer holidays will probably seem like a distant memory, maybe the leaves will be turning and for most of us there will be all the usual things to plan for at work or at school or at home. Then there will be harvest events, Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night, and it won't be too long before Christmas is hurtling towards us. There always seems to be so much in the future to be aware of and to plan for. And of course it can all get very stressful.

I heard someone say the other day that in our modern world there is no such thing as the present. We're so busy rushing from one thing to the next, planning the next thing that lies in the future, that we never have the time to stop, rest and savour the present. God knows, we were not designed to keep going on and on, preparing for and fretting over a future which never comes. "Be still, and know that I am God," says the psalm. There is a time for everything, including resting in the moment. Of course we should work hard and plan ahead, but we also need time to chill out and enjoy what the present moment brings without feeling that we always have to move straight on to the next thing.

So when the leaves become a glorious riot of brown, yellow, red and orange this autumn, perhaps we'll find time to pause for a moment from whatever 'next thing' it is that we're pushing on with - and just stand for a few moments, relishing the spectacle. There will always be something to rush off and do, but for the moment those things can wait. The autumn foliage will only be at its best for a few weeks. Let's not let the beauty of what is around us go unnoticed in a blur of busyness. Instead, let's just go out, maybe sit awhile in thanks on a quiet churchyard bench and take a proper look at all the beauty before us.

With very best wishes, Steve.

Churchwarden's Musings

Since our last report we have gone through the busiest time in the Church calendar.

Firstly we had Lent during which we had our usual soup lunches on Tuesdays and from the donations we were able to give £100 to the Diocese of Kagera General Fund for the training of lay ministers, £75 to The West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy and £75 for Meningitis Trust.

During Holy Week we had a service every day, ending with a Communion service on Easter morning followed by breakfast in the schoolroom for about 40 people. Thank you to all who provided food, helped in the setting up, the cooking and serving and also the clearing up afterwards.

In May we had our Flower Festival where the church was beautifully decorated with both flowers and quilts. So much hard work goes into all aspects of the weekend, and it was very rewarding that we raised over £2000 which was shared equally between the Suffolk Oxygen Centre and church funds.

We have continued with our usual round of services during the months and we are now looking forward to the 'Thank You' Service in July.

This year we have had 3 weddings and also 2 Christenings (see inside front cover for details).

The Bell Restoration Committee is meeting regularly and things are beginning to take shape. The Dioceses Advisory Council (DAC) has visited and examined the existing bell frame and also the proposed area for ringing. The Archdeacon said that as a matter of safety the font should be moved from its present position and an area on the south side of the nave at the back of the church would make an excellent Baptistry area. This has been taken to the PCC who have agreed that this should go ahead within the remit of the bell restoration. It is hoped that we will submit the first application to the Lottery Heritage Fund shortly which will give us an indication of whether we will be successful in getting funding.

We held a Concert for 10 Strings on 24th June to raise money for the bells. The concert was for guitar and cello and played by Nigel Tuffs and Nick Parry.

The musicians were brilliant and about 60 people sat enthralled as the church was filled with the sound of music both ancient and modern. Our thanks go to Donna Minns and her family who arranged the whole evening including the wine and nibbles during the interval. The evening raised over £800 so thank you to all who supported it.

Several of our congregation have attended both the Ordination and Consecration at Westminster Abbey and the Welcome and Enthronement at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral of our new Diocesan Bishop, Martin Seeley. Both services were very moving and an opportunity to actually speak with him.

We now have new drawings for the handrails for the porch entrance and these are with the Diocese awaiting approval.

Finally for those of you who don't know we have again been visited by the lead thieves and we have lost the lead from the porch roof. It has been fitted with a temporary covering during the process of getting quotes and a faculty to replace it with a substitute material.

Brenda Pentney and Robert Mackman

Harvest Supper

Come to the Schoolroom for Harvest Supper on Saturday, 3rd October, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

You can be assured of a relaxed evening with delicious home-cooked food
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Bookworm Group

We continue to enjoy reading and sharing a variety of books.

These have included:-

The Last Runaway – Tracy Chevelier, River of Destiny – Barbara Erskine, The Return of the Prodigal Son – Henri I.M. Nouwen, The Last Telegram – Liz Trenow
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry – Rachel Joyce, Edith Cavell: Nurse Martyr Heroine – Diana Souhami

Another was 'A Song for Jenny' which has recently been dramatised by the BBC. It is a harrowing autobiography by a mother, Julie Nicholson, whose daughter is missing after the 7/7 Kings Cross bombing.

With heartbreaking honesty and relentless integrity, she tells her story, recounting the horrific events as they unfold and exposing the reader to her profound grief and the effect it has on her life and relationships.

This will be one of the books we discuss when we meet on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 10.15 in the schoolroom. All will be welcome to a very relaxed, informal and hopefully informative get together!

Virginia Mackman and Elk Cattermole (228077 and 227058)

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Noel King - Parish Councillor for over 50 Years Resigns

Noel has been a part of my life for a very long time, having lived in the village for 64 years, so I thought I'd share a few memories with you.

When I was a pupil at Salter's Hall Primary School in Sudbury, Noel very kindly ran me to school, as he was then working as a carpenter at Brown & Fenn, Undertakers, in Sudbury. I would walk to his bungalow, past Mrs Knott's house and her infamous terrier dog. Taking one's life in one's hands, I was most relieved to be in the safety of Noel's Thames van, after I'd run my daily gauntlet!!

In the late 60's, Noel and I used to take our dogs to dog training classes at Great Waldingfield Village Hall. I had a Labrador cross called Jill and his dog was a very large Alsatian called Shaun.

For many, many years Noel has been in charge of the village hall lets, doing an admirable job. When my wife Anne, ran the Little Cornard Nursery school from the hall, she remembers Noel as being very supportive, helpful, diplomatic and brilliant at resolving problems during her time there.

All in all Noel has been one of the, "true greats" in this village and we have many things to thank him for. He has always given so much of his time and help when needed.

Noel's advice has always been sound and sought after, with his huge knowledge and affinity with the local area. I'm sure I will still be consulting him from time to time!! Noel's calm, considerate way of getting things done is most commendable, perhaps that's why he was elected Parish Chairman for three terms.

I know I speak for you all when I say - Thank you so very much Noel for all your time and effort that you have given to this Parish council. You will be hugely missed.

**Clive Johnson,
Chairman**

Lee Parker - District Councillor Report

I am honoured to be writing this, my first report, as your newly elected Babergh District Councillor.

Although the election seems but a distant memory now I am extremely thankful for the courtesy extended to me during the campaign by the residents of Little Cornard. Even those who do not share the same political views were nothing other than welcoming and in the main dealt with good humour an unsolicited call from a man sporting a blue rosette.



The election itself resulted in outcomes that many people hadn't contemplated after the many months of polls which assured us things were too close to call. For Babergh District Council the surprise was no less and it now finds itself under political control for the first time since its formation. Inevitably there are some adjustments of thought required both by the Councillors and the Council Officers as we all settle in to the new reality. In addition so many of the Councillors, myself included, find themselves elected for the first time and so are in unfamiliar territory with lots to take in in a very short space of time. As well as representing their respective wards, Councillors are expected to take part in additional Committee work and I am delighted to have been appointed to the Planning Committee as Vice Chairman which feels about as much as thrown in to the deep end as I imagine things could possibly feel.

My first week was spent attending Parish Council meetings and getting to know the Parish Councillors and Clerks and I have attended Babergh nearly 20 times since in order to get up to speed with what I need to know to represent you effectively.

As many of you know I consider myself a local having been born and raised in Great Cornard before moving to Newton nearly 20 years ago. I attended school at what was Great Cornard Upper School and run a small business in Sudbury. Within Newton I have been a Parish Councillor and been involved in a number of organisations such as the Newton Green Trust, fete committee and fireworks committee. Talking of Newton Parish Council I am delighted that we share the same Clerk as Little Cornard in Dave Crimmin. Dave has an enormous amount of experience along with a deep knowledge of local Government and you can all be assured that in him you will benefit from gold standard administration.

I feel extraordinarily lucky to live in this most beautiful part of Suffolk and I am thrilled to have been elected as Ward Councillor. I will endeavour to provide the best representation as I possibly can and will be available to respond to your requests as required. I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Suffolk Oxygen Therapy

On a glorious day in June, representatives of All Saints Church presented a cheque for £1045 to Sean Crowley from the Suffolk Oxygen Centre. This sum was raised by the Church at their annual Flower Festival, held in May. The cheque was gratefully received by Sean and Paul, an operator at the centre. The centre offers hyperbaric oxygen to primarily MS patients but used by a variety of



other patients with different conditions. It is a charity run business and relies on donations and local fundraising and has been operating now for 30 years, membership increasing over the last 2 years. The social side is as important to the carer as is the hyperbaric oxygen to the client. The photograph shows members of the Church presenting the cheque to Sean and Paul, with Karen Turner, one of the Oxygen Therapy Centre's clients, in the foreground.

Marian Turner

A GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

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By Sarah Griffin

IT must be almost 30 years ago now that the office started a sweepstake on whether or not I'd do the one job nobody else would countenance. I was on lates so I had no idea just how much cash had been wagered.

'Will you join a flying circus and go wing walking for us?' asked my boss. 'Yep, when?' I replied to a chorus of groans. 'Told you she would,' the news editor said smugly as he cleaned up amongst the photographers who'd all thought I'd be chicken.

And so I became - drum roll - for one day only, the daredevil crazy lady on top of the Crunchie Flying Circus Tiger Moth. I looked pretty sharp in my purple flying suit I thought until a gallon of snot wrapped itself in two green streamers Shrek style around the back of my head.

Since then I've been the go-to girl for unusual flights.

Last December I got to buzz dear old Little Cornard in a Spitfire and pull a couple of victory rolls over Burnt House because the Editor knew I'd hang onto my lunch doing 250 mph upside down.

And then having had the extraordinary privilege of flying over the white cliffs in that old war bird, I had the chance to see Suffolk from another, the world's only airworthy Blenheim bomber.

It's been a 12 year labour of love at Duxford to make her ready for the skies again. She's old, she's fragile and did I mention she has a glass bottom. Oh yes, the nose cone and the bit beneath your feet if you sit where I did, on the engineer's stool, is Perspex. 'You might feel a little ground-rush,' murmured the pilot with rich understatement as the daisy strewn runaway roared up to meet us.

But the best thing about the Blenheim was not that amazing flight, it was actually watching someone else watching her fly.

He was Squadron Leader Ian Blair. He is 96 and lives here in East Anglia and is one of the few remaining Blenheim Boys. He was born the same year as the RAF was founded, joining up in 1934 as a 16-year-old apprentice to learn a trade.

When war broke out he was posted to North Africa. There he crewed Blenheims not as the pilot or even the engineer but as the observer. On a

routine sortie near Alexandria he had just released his aircraft's payload over an enemy airfield when it took a direct hit from a German fighter.

The pilot was killed and slumped forward over the controls forcing the plane into a steep dive. Ian Blair made a grab for the joystick and turned to the engineer. 'You've got two choices,' he said. 'You can bail out or come with me because I am flying home.'

By the time they got back to their own Allied airfield 'every man and his dog was lined up waiting to see us hit something,' he told me jovially over a cup of tea and a scone at Duxford.

But they didn't. Instead the wholly unqualified bombardier made a text book landing and after being sent to the camp hospital for a cup of sugary tea, got stuck back in to the war effort.

'If he can fly like that with no training then we'd better send him to Britain to get his wings,' suggested his Commanding Officer who also recommended Ian Blair for a Distinguished Flying Medal for his actions that day in 1940.

The then 22-year-old went on to become a Spitfire ace, being shot down twice before the end of the war. A photograph of him taken in North Africa at the time became one of the iconic 'Careless talk costs lives' propaganda posters and he would serve the RAF for 44 years.

He is the real deal.

From being a cub reporter - the kind of kid who'd say yes to a wing walking assignment - I've always understood the golden rule of journalism is that stories are about people not things.

And the story of the Spitfire is not about the recent relaxation of civil aviation rules allowing people like me to go up in them these days, just as the story of the Blenheim is not about its reconstruction and its uniqueness.

No, they are both about old, old men like Ian Blair, their glorious youth and lion-hearted courage, the last survivors of a World War Two brotherhood which flew for King and Country and each other until British victory was assured.

This summer is the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Lest we forget.

Peter Cutmore

Peter and Doris have lived in Little Cornard for over 50 years although Peter has lived here for most of his life and grew up alongside The Mere.

I can remember Peter being an ardent dog walker and enjoying shooting, fishing and gardening. He has always had a keen interest in wildlife and all aspects of country living.

Peter worked for the Building Control and Planning Regulation team in Hadleigh - now known as Babergh District Council - and had previously worked for four other Authorities in the region. Peter built up a wealth of knowledge which has been a great asset to Little Cornard Parish Council.

When Mr Ward was Chairman in the 1970s, Peter was asked to take on the role of Clerk and about 20 years later was elected as a Councillor and for the last 15 years has been Vice-Chairman.

Peter will be greatly missed. We all hope he makes a good recovery so that he can spend more time at home enjoying his interests of bird watching and reading - aided by the occasional glass of red wine!!

Clive Johnson, Chairman – Little Cornard Parish Council

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Midsummer Magic At All Saints, Little Cornard

The first of a series of fund-raising events to help finance The Tony Moore Memorial Bell Fund at All Saints was a resounding success.

The Rev. Stephen Morley introduced two talented musicians on guitar and cello, who gave their time, providing us with an evening of quality music.

Nigel Tuffs, a classical guitarist, completed an Honours Degree in Music at The Colchester Institute, specializing in composition and performance. Nick Parry on cello is a member of The Prometheus Orchestra working as an orchestral chamber and session cellist, and also works as a teacher.

With attendance high, a mixed age group enjoyed pieces by Bach, Giuliani, Villa-Lobos, Ravel, Piazzolla, Granados and Bartok.

Interval time saw everyone enjoying savoury snacks and drinks outside, perfect on this balmy summer's night. So, it wasn't quite Glyndebourne, but with many ladies bedecked in attractive evening wear, it wasn't far short!

Finally, Churchwarden Robert Mackman thanked the musicians for making this midsummer event so pleasant and memorable.

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CETTI'S WARBLER AT CORNARD MERE

CORNARD MERE - SUMMER 2015

By Robin Ford - Voluntary warden, Cornard Mere

At about midday on Sunday, 19th April, I was approaching the mature oak tree where the public footpath rises to meet the arable field, when a short, explosive, burst of vaguely familiar song stopped me in my tracks. I puzzled for a minute or two, racking my brain as to where I had heard that song before. And then I heard it again. Finally, the penny dropped. It was the unmistakeable outburst of a Cetti's Warbler that I had occasionally experienced during visits to Minsmere.



Cetti's Warbler is unusual for a warbler in being a resident species that has spread up from the Mediterranean. It first bred in Britain in 1973 but is vulnerable to harsh winters. In 1989, only two pairs could be found in Suffolk but, by 2013, over fifty sites in the county held singing birds. Cornard Mere can now be added to that list. Another unique feature of Cetti's Warbler is that it lays brick red eggs.

In early July, the distinctive song (a very loud "plit, plitt plut..tchutt tchutt tchutt..chutt chutt!") can be heard anywhere along the public footpath. However, only patience and a bit of luck will reveal the bird skulking low down in the blackthorn thicket. Remember, we may be in for a hard winter, so now is an ideal time to visit the reserve and listen out for this remarkable little bird that is named after an 18th century Italian priest.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning



We are holding a Coffee Morning on FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2015 in the Schoolroom at All Saints Church, to support Macmillan Cancer Support. We will be serving Coffee and Teas together with delicious cakes and scones from 10 am till 12.30pm. The logo from Macmillan is 'Cakes taste better together' so please do come along. We will be having a raffle, a cake stall and also bring and buy for those other goodies. From last year's event we sent off £785 to the funds which was a splendid result so we do hope to see you again this year and please bring your friends along. Many thanks to all who made that total and enjoyed that special morning.

Brenda Pentney

HOG ROAST Sunday 5th July IN AID OF VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

A most enjoyable afternoon at Yorley Farm on Sunday was had by all who attended, and our thanks to Clive and Anne Johnson who kindly offered their premises for this event to take place, despite having celebrated a special birthday for Anne the day before.

On arrival we received a very warm welcome and the delicious smells of the hog roast generously donated by Mervyn Tokely and cooked to perfection by Clive & Gerald Rice. Inside the barn, still decorated from the previous evening, there was a buffet with a tempting selection of mouth watering food on offer.

First class entertainment was provided throughout by the talented David Timms and his band, playing and singing an eclectic mix of songs.

Three classic cars were also on show - a Humber Super Snipe, Citroen Safari DS and Opel Monza belonging to Clive, Tom Monk and Jonathan Drew respectively.

Flowers were presented to Rosemary Balls in appreciation of her stalwart efforts and dedication to the village for many years, and also to Anne Johnson for the use of Yorley Farm.

Finally thanks to the committee members and all those involved with organising this splendid and successful event which raised in excess of £1000 in aid of Little Cornard Village Hall Funds.

Val Judd

Suffolk Historic Annual Bicycle Ride

The total raised in 2014 was £142,000, a little down on previous years: nevertheless they were very pleased. We had good weather and 15 cyclists visited us, some local and some from Rayleigh, Mildenhall and Dunmow.

This year the Bicycle Ride will take place on 12th September. Please contact John and Sue Macdiarmid on 01787 375858m for information.

Harvest Decorating

Marion and I will be contacting Flower Ladies nearer the time. All offers of help to decorate the church and/or donate vegetables, fruit, etc. will be gratefully received.

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Rural Report

The early July heat wave will add to an already significant irrigation bill for farmers specialising in vegetable production – especially potatoes, onions and carrots. A dry summer following a cold and relatively dry spring could also reduce cereal yields and slow the growth of sugar beet. World-wide over supply of sugar has resulted in some UK growers taking a year's break from the crop. According to the NFU's sugar board chairman William Martin the sector faces significant challenges.

- *"We value churchyards and burial grounds for their importance to people and our history and wildlife. Our mission is to champion the conservation of churchyards and burial sites across the British Isles."*

Prince Charles, president of Caring for God's Acre.

www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/index.php/about-us-men/who-we-are.html

- The Bat Conservation Trust has a web page offering the hope of 'practical solutions' to challenges raised by bats in church.

www.bats.org.uk/pages/solutions_to_bat_issues_in_churches.html

- The National Sheep Association has dedicated a new area on its website to information for children and members of the public who want to know more about the work of a sheep farmer.

www.nationalsheep.org.uk/know-your-sheep

- Arthur Rank's Faith in Maintenance course at Horncastle on 15 July, run by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, aims to help volunteers who look after historic places of worship. It will cover: recognising potential problems; tackling common maintenance tasks: understanding inspections and reports and knowing when to call in expert help. The course is free to attend and places can be booked online

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-inmaintenance-training-day-lincolnshire-tickets-15978289494 or by calling Stella Jackson on 07776 156274

- June was a bad month for dairy farmers as leading milk buyers cut the price paid to producers. The co-operative Arla announced a price

reduction of 1.18p per litre on 29 June. No fewer than 450 dairy farmers have left the industry in England and Wales during the past 12 months.

- Thousands of hate crimes against people because of their sexual orientation go unreported – particularly in rural areas, says a report by Leicester University. Some 35,000 cases of hate crime against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people go unreported every year, according to the study.

www2.le.ac.uk/departments/criminology/hate

- A Which? survey of broadband speeds has suggested that up to 15.4 million households cannot get the maximum advertised speeds they are paying for. The situation is particularly bad for rural areas, where 98% of homes were unable to get the advertised headline speed. The survey comes at a time of increased concern about the lack of effective broadband provision.

- The public's positive view of farmers has grown for a fourth year running. A new survey from OnePoll shows that 68 per cent of people in England and Wales share a favourable or very favourable view of UK farmers – up from 60 per cent in 2012.

- For details of Rural Mission Sunday (19 July / Arthur Rank Centre) see: arthurrankcentre.org.uk/about-arc/support-arc/item/9407-rural-missionsunday

This year's theme is bread. A church service guide helps to create a "sermon sandwich" using specially selected Bible readings and prayers.

- John Pawsey, who manages 1500 organic acres at Shimpling Park Farm, Bury St Edmunds and further organic acreage at other sites, will host the National Organic Combinable Crops 2015 event on 7 July.

- The Addington Fund, which helps farming families in times of need, will be celebrating Lammas at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne on 5 August at 6pm followed by a hog roast. Contact 01379 669157.

This newsletter is prepared under the guidance of the Diocesan Rural Forum set up as a means of identifying emerging rural issues and considering how the church should respond.

PARISH NEWS compiled by Karen Gilbert and Nick Hammond

Broadband

Thank you to all of you who attended a meeting in the Village Hall with a Suffolk County Council consultant to discuss provision of a fast and reliable broadband service. We have listed a few pertinent points:

- Suffolk County Council has entered into a number of contracts with BT to improve broadband services.
- Phase one is complete. Work is currently underway with phase two.
- Little Cornard is included in phase three and work is anticipated to begin this autumn and be complete by 2018.
- The target is that by the end of this process a minimum of 95% of households should receive an improved service. figures quoted were 15 mbs-1 (yes Broadband can get that fast!!!).
- The planning stage for this work will take place this autumn and residents should be able to check on the betterbroadbandsuffolk.com website to see whether they will be included. This website is worth a look now if you have not seen it as it has a lot of information including a section of FAQs. There is a useful postcode checker which delivers a map detailing that little Cornard is due to get full coverage during Phase 3. We are promised the timescales of delivery during the project will be available soon after September.
- Suffolk tell us that if you are unlucky and do not receive better broadband there will be a grant available to fund other solutions such as satellite or microwave broadband. This involves erecting a dish. After a point raised at the public meeting we have been assured by Babergh that any listed buildings applying for planning for such additions will not currently attract a fee and pre-application advice is also free.
- For most of us our current broadband is both slow and unreliable. BT are supposed to provide 2 mbs speed and if you receive less it is worth reporting it to BT. To check your speed you can use a number of websites including, www.speedtest@btwholesale.com or www.Uswitch.com/broadband/speedtest We are told the Uswitch site is more accurate at low speed.
- It is also worth noting that if you are not a computer expert, consider whether

your computer needs updating, servicing or cleaning. Older computers are much slower than modern ones and can become clogged up with unnecessary information which can slow broadband applications.

Roads

Many thanks to Sarah Griffin for keeping up the pressure on Suffolk County Council to extend the speed limit on the B1508 through Little Cornard. We are confident that there is a groundswell of opinion for this to happen to improve safety. Please lobby your county councillor James Finch if you share our concerns.

The local lanes are a continuing worry. Most drivers respect walkers, cyclists, children, horses and pets but there remains a minority who drive much too fast. My own contribution is to drive at what I consider a safe speed and not let impatient drivers bully me. The Parish Council continue to talk to Suffolk about ways to improve safety but it seems to be a very slow process!

Finally, please check the Parish Council website regularly to see whether there are any updates: <http://littlecornard.onesuffolk.net>

USEFUL CONTACTS & EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance emergencies

Police – Sudbury Police Station, Acton Lane, Sudbury
9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Police – Minicom users with hearing difficulties

Phone 999

Phone 101

01473 611160

Highways – report potholes, dangerous road defects etc.

www.suffolk.gov.uk/environment-and-transport-highways

Or

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

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

0845 606 6171

01473 433444

Highways – out of hours

Anglian Water

www.anglianwater.co.uk

Mains water leaks

0800 771881

Water supply + public sewerage emergencies

08457 145145

Electricity power problems

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A leaflet is produced each month informing us what they are short of.

Thankyou to everyone - Sue Macdiarmid - 01787 375858

Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch



POLICE CONCERNS & WARNINGS

Be aware, thieves are about! The lead from our church porch roof has been stolen in the last month .

Make sure you close all your windows

when you leave your property and best also to leave a light on. Make sure at all times that your shed/garage is left secure. Don't leave anything valuable in your garden, i.e. tools, mowers, etc.

**Phil Gooch
NHW Co-ordinator
01787 372013**

All Saints Church Flower Festival

Once again, All Saints Church Flower Festival worked its magic. Enthusiastic and generous supporters wound their way along the incredibly narrow Keddington Hill, to the idyllic and peaceful surroundings of this ancient flower filled church.

Not only were the flowers thoughtfully and beautifully arranged, they were complimented with a large and varied display of amazing patchwork quilts.

In the peaceful surroundings of the churchyard area, there were books and a variety of plants for sale. Blessed with wall to wall sunshine, nobody needed a second bidding to indulge themselves in the delicious refreshments on offer. Visitors enjoying cakes and lunches sat at small tables adorned with white lace tablecloths and flowers.

In the schoolroom an interesting raffle brought in the punters, who also shopped for homemade marmalade and cakes. Another attraction was the array of handcrafted wooden items, made by a local craftsman from locally sourced wood. A special calm and relaxed atmosphere was the hallmark of this event. Co-operation and community spirit, as well as hard work, rewarded the efforts of all, in raising the remarkable sum of £2000 for Suffolk Oxygen Therapy Centre and All Saints Church.

The Gate

It is old and small and mellowed by time,
It's voice, no more than a creak.
What tales of laughter and tears would unfold
If only that gate could speak.

For it guards the path to the old grey stone
church
And tho' fashioned from common wood
It has felt the touch of gentle hands
Of the great, the humble good.

It has smiled on many a bridal pair
In the springtime of their day;
And unbeknown to the human throng,
Has blessed them on their way.



It has watched the mourners lowly pass
And prayed that, soon or late,
They may find the ones they have loved on earth
Waiting...at Heaven's Gate.

Amy Howells

Archdeaconry Of Sudbury - Visitation Charge

The Archdeacon's Visitation for the Sudbury Deanery took place on Thursday 18th June 2015 at St Mary's Church, Glemsford, by the Venerable Dr David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury. An enjoyable evening was undertaken by all and we appreciated the hospitality given to us by the Revd Patrick Prigg and his team from St Mary's, Glemsford.

New Testament reading:-

Matthew 4 30-32 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Here are a few excerpts from The Archdeacon's Charge:

'First of all, I want to thank those who are hosting us this evening and those who have prepared the Order of Service. I realise that a great deal of hard work and preparation goes into staging an occasion such as this and I am very appreciative of all that has been done to make this evening's proceedings run smoothly.'

'The theme set for this year's series of Archdeaconry Visitations right across the diocese is Growing in God (www.cofesuffolk.org/.../Growing) and Archdeacon Ian and I have chosen as the reading the short but powerful parable of the Mustard Seed from St Matthew's gospel to provide a theological and spiritual context in which we might consider the work and responsibility that comes with being a churchwarden and how that calling might impact upon our lives.,

'The short reading from Matthew which we heard this evening sits within a wider discourse about spiritual growth which begins with the very well-known story of the Parable of the Sower. Here we have described the potential for exponential spiritual growth way beyond our wildest dreams. Usually this parable is interpreted as a story about us as Christians and our varying reactions and responses to the good news of Jesus Christ.....'

... 'like all parables the Parable of the Sower is patient of more than one

interpretation. What if we were to see the parable as reflecting our individual complexity as Christians rather than depicting different personality types.....

..'

'If we are being honest with ourselves very few of us are consistent in our lives as Christians. Some days are better than others but how often have we felt shame when we have acted as if our faith was born of shallow soil indeed and breathed a sigh of relief that at least others have not witnessed it so that we can go on pretending at least outwardly that we are what we want others to believe us to be? Equally how often have we come to church and had a wonderful worship experience and gone out uplifted and consoled only a few hours later to default back to the person we do not want to be; that person of faith sown in rocky ground. And yet of course for many of us our faith is life-changing. At its very best it should dictate how we lead our everyday lives and can indeed effect real change for the good in even the most unpromising of material; the person of faith born of the good soil. So I don't think the passage is describing different sorts of people I think rather it is describing the spiritual journey of us all just at different times and moments. We are all capable of being both good and bad soil depending on a whole range of factors.'

'The office of Churchwarden is a demanding and challenging one. It brings with it responsibilities and duties that do not always make us popular and we will undoubtedly have good and bad soil days! We can surely only carry out these tasks if we have faith. Faith that we are called to be Churchwardens and faith that God walks with us in our journey. Now I am very conscious that churchwardens, just like archdeacons, come in all sorts of spiritual shapes and sizes. Some of us are deeply committed Christians for whom faith in a living God is the lynch-pin of our daily existence; the thing that gives our life meaning. For others perhaps faith is worn a little more lightly or at least expressed differently. For some our work for the church may have initially come about not through a moment of conversion but because we cared for the wonderful church building at the heart of our village or because we wanted to do something for the community. Sometimes we find ourselves drawn to the work of God for reasons we can neither fathom nor express, or indeed even despite ourselves. Yet our calling as churchwardens can indeed shape our lives just as the potter shapes his or her clay. Our daily lives become shaped by the rhythms and routine of church life. Some of us, many of us, find increased faith through our work for the church and certainly others will find faith through their interaction with us.'

'It is clear that that the lot of a churchwarden is a challenging one but fortunately most of the list takes care of itself most of the time. But when those moments come, and they will surely come, when dissent is in the air, when tension arises within the worshipping community, or folk are despairing and losing hope and even faith it is to you that the bishop looks for wisdom and discernment in dealing with these moments of crisis. It is to you also that the church looks to support and care for your priest. To be that critical friend ready to challenge but also to affirm and stand alongside. As I prompt you each year please do take the opportunity from time to time to thank your priest for their ministry; and clergy, you too in turn should do likewise. We all need to be valued and affirmed.'

'I am equally clear that without your commitment and hard work the church could not properly function or fulfil its potential as God intends. We are the Body of Christ. Look at your neighbour and you see Christ looking back (that may be slightly challenging for some). We are the church. As Paul reminds us we each play an indispensable part in making up the whole. Those who encounter us in our roles as priests and churchwardens and members of the church will judge the integrity of the church by our integrity. They will judge the integrity of the gospel by our integrity. If they are warmly welcomed and made to feel valued by you they will feel welcomed and valued by the church and by God. You and I; all of us, do indeed have a Gospel to proclaim and as that great hymn reminds us it is a message for all God's children and not just those who come to church.'

The Charge from the Archdeacon certainly had an impact on all who were present at the Visitation.

On behalf of all members of All Saints, Little Cornard PCC I would like to especially thank our two very dedicated churchwardens Robert Mackman and Brenda Pentney, for their inspiration and hard work as they undertake the Churchwarden duties for us as a church.

Thank You.

Elke Cattermole

PCC Member, All Saints, Little Cornard
Lay Secretary - Sudbury Deanery Synod

(A full transcript of The Archdeacon's Charge can be found on All Saints, Little Cornard's website:- www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk)

Traffic Concerns – Visit by Councillors

On 13th July, three Parish Councillors (Nick Hammond, Karen Gilbert and I) met with James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor responsible for highways), Lee Parker (Babergh District Councillor) and David Stiff (Suffolk Central Area Highways Manager) on the Bures Road (B1508) to highlight some local problems.

Increased traffic and lack of a footway are endangering pedestrians, particularly between the Willowmere Caravan Park and The Brook pub. We are investigating ways in which we might be able to provide a safe path for walkers. It was most useful for James, Lee and David to see first-hand the difficulties and dangers of walking along the Bures Road, even at 9 am on a wet Monday morning! Of course, walking with three people in high-viz jackets caused the traffic to slow, so it wasn't a true representation of the speed at which drivers whizz along the Bures Road, even in the 30mph zone.

We then moved up to Stocks Farm corner, now just out of the 30 mph zone towards Bures, where there have been numerous accidents over the years, and many more recently. We were pleased to hear from David Stiff that there were plans in place to improve the warning signage, but we impressed upon him the urgency of this. We also discussed the possibility of extending the 40mph speed limit to Bures.

James Finch confirmed that the main priorities for traffic safety are the A134 and the B1508, and we are grateful that he and Lee were able to see for themselves these important local issues.

If you have any comments about these or any other issues, please forward an email via Dave Crimmin, the Parish Clerk, at yourclerk@btinternet.com or contact us directly.

Ruth Adams

Doris Cutmore

Doris has, for many years, helped in the production of this magazine but has now stepped down. We would like to thank Doris for all her sterling work in the past and we send her our very best wishes for the future.

Little Cornard Parish Council News

The following draft minutes are extracted for your information. For a full set of minutes please look at www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net or contact the Clerk.

Highlights of the Annual Meeting held on the 20th May 2015.

15/017 Election of Chairman -

It was resolved that Clive Johnson be appointed as the Chairman of Little Cornard Parish Council (LCPC) who signed the Declaration of Acceptance accordingly.

15/020 Election of Vice Chairman -

It was resolved that Nick Hammond be appointed the Vice Chairman of LCPC.

15/022 General Power of Competence -

The councillors resolved that as LCPC met the criteria for the Clerk's qualification and the number of councillors who stood at the 2015 Parish Council Election, that LCPC would adopt the General Power of Competence.

15/024 Representatives to Outside Bodies -

It was resolved that Cllrs Adams and Johnson be appointed as LCPC's representatives to the Village Hall Committee and Cllr Hammond was appointed as the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) representative.

15/025 Internal Auditor -

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting in order to canvass candidates in the parish.

15/030 Finance -

a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the Internal Audit report produced by Nigel Monk for the year ending 31st March 2015

b. The councillors resolved to approve the LCPC Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31st March 2015.

c. The councillors agreed for the following Earmarked Reserves to be carried forward to 2015 / 2016:

d. The councillors resolved that Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return as at 31st March 2015 were approved and the Chairman signed both sections on behalf of LCPC.

e. All cheques signed and due for signing were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last

meeting, the reconciliation of bank accounts against the bank statements, and the Statement of Accounts against the Budget. The Clerk was asked to arrange the necessary changes to the Bank Mandate so that all councillors were signatories.

f. It was resolved that a donation of £150 be made to the Little Cornard PCC with regard to the Parish Magazine.

15/031 Planning -

a. No planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted. It was agreed that when a planning application is received by the council that Cllrs Adams, Gilbert, Hammond and Johnson will ensure that residents potentially affected by the proposals are updated on the application.

15/032 Highways, Footpaths and council assets -

a. The Clerk to obtain the Footpath Priority list from SCC and circulate this and a copy of the Definitive Footpath Map to all councillors, who will then review the footpaths.

b. The need for a pavement along Bures Road will be reviewed by councillors ahead of the next scheduled meeting.

c. The Clerk will review the ownership of Cornard Mere.

d. The councillors agreed that the need for a Footpath Warden still exists and asked the Clerk to highlight this in the council's report to the magazine.

15/033 Data Protection Registration -

The councillors reviewed the recommendation from the Clerk for LCPC to be registered with the Information Commissioners Office and resolved that LCPC should be registered.

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BELLS, BELLS AND MORE BELLS!

Now we are progressing with plans for the bell restoration project a group of us went to Edwardstone on their practise night to hear what our bells will sound like once restored. The evening began with us listening to them ringing up and then listening whilst they warmed up with a quick session of change ringing. This was a group of experienced and not so experienced ringers. Then the delight of the evening: we were allowed to actually try our hand at tolling a bell and some to actually ring.

It was explained to us how the bells were rung and some of the intricacies of bell ringing. The final ringing was carried out by a band of experienced ringers which was absolutely brilliant.

In September some of us are going to St Gregory's Church in Sudbury with the intention of learning to ring. Derek Rose has kindly invited us and hopes that anyone from All Saints interested in joining us will come along and give it a try. Their practise night is Tuesdays at 7.30. Please contact me Robert Mackman (228077) for details.

We are planning a trip to Taylors of Loughborough, the bell founders on Thursday 17th September to see a bell cast and also to see how the foundry works. They are casting a bell for Evesham that day so it should be a really interesting day out. If you are interested in going please contact either Brenda Pentney (227615) or me, Robert Mackman (228077).

We are now at the stage of beginning the process of applying for Lottery Heritage funding!!

Recipe - Fat Free Fruit Cake

This recipe was given to me by one of the cooks at the café in West Suffolk Hospital!

Ingredients:

8ozs dates soaked overnight in 3¼ pint

Earl Grey tea

6ozs raisins

3ozs chopped apricots

1 peeled and diced apple

2 teaspoons cinnamon

3 teaspoons baking powder

3ozs wholemeal flour

3ozs plain flour

1oz ground almonds

Mix all the ingredients together.

Bake @ 170 degrees C for 45 minutes in a lined 2lb loaf tin

Enjoy!!

The Milkmaid Folk Club

September

Friday 4th The Young'uns

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Friday 11th Us Plus

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Friday 18th The Dryad

Support by Robert Castellani

Tickets from Apex Box Office £20

Friday 25th Artisan

support Stef & Ron

Tickets £12 or £10 Friends of The Milkmaid

October

Friday 2nd Harpeth Rising (USA)

support Shep & Wooley

Tickets £10 or £8 Friends of The Milkmaid

Friday 9th Chris Sherburn and Findlay Napier

Support TBC

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Friday 16th Vin Garbutt

Support by Johnny Steinburg

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Friday 30th Hudson & Cutler

Support by The Bounty Hounds

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November

Friday 6th Jim Moray

Support by Erin Brown & Matt Cudby

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Doors Open 7 45pm

Music Starts 8 30pm

Programme could change

Friday 13th The Carrivick Sisters

Support by Sky West

Tickets £10 Friends of The Milkmaid £8

Friday 20th Winter Wilson

Support by Elly Tree

Tickets £10 Friends of The Milkmaid £8

December

Friday 4th Dave Pegg & Anthony John Clarke

Support by Milkmaid Learning Disability Music Group

Tickets £14 Friends of The Milkmaid £12

Friday 11th Hatful of Rain

Support by TBC

Tickets £10 Friends of The Milkmaid £8

Friday 18th The Churchfitters

Support by Sound Tradition

Tickets £10 Friends of The Milkmaid £2

At: The Constitutional Club
12 Guildhall Street
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Suffolk
IP33 1PR

Feedback from James Finch

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

- **Suffolk Community Transport**

Following a Rural Transport Policy Development Panel (PDP) of which I was a member, a report was discussed at Cabinet. The report made several recommendations to improve rural transport, especially that local organisations should be involved in the design of services as well as being encouraged to co-operate with each other to integrate services. This would then help the public to access these services and open them up to even more people. The report also emphasised the importance of the different providers of transport (bus/taxi/community transport) to start to work together to make the system understandable to the public.

Last month we started discussions with community travel operators, bus companies and taxi firms. Our intention is to co-design the services with the market, prior to starting a procurement process to replace the existing contracts and grant agreements which end in March 2016. Your local input will be most welcome.

- **Suffolk schools' ascent of league tables confirmed**

Figures out last month confirmed the trend of improvement in Suffolk's relative position in educational attainment. In data released by the government in January, Suffolk has climbed 12 places in the national league table for GCSE results since the previous year; from 137th to 125th out of 151 local authorities. This means we are getting ever closer to bridging the gap between ourselves and the national average. There has been slow but inexorable improvement, with the gap between Suffolk and the national average narrowing to 4.6% in 2013, and now, following 2014's results, to just 1.7%.

- **Suffolk County Council pledge to tackle Mental Health**

Suffolk County Council have signed the Time to Change Organisational Pledge. "The Time to Change organisational pledge, signed on World Mental Health Day, is a public statement of aspiration that as an organisation, Suffolk County Council with the NHS in Suffolk will tackle mental health stigma and discrimination. The council has submitted an action plan to Time to Change which demonstrates how this pledge will be carried out. This is a significant step forward for Suffolk County Council, as we aspire to eradicate discrimination and the stigma of mental ill-health.

- **Coming to a high street near you...**

Suffolk County Council's Leader is listening.

On Saturday 20th June, SCC leader, Colin Noble, began his series of Suffolk high street events. On this occasion, he visited The Arc in Bury St Edmunds town centre. Colin was

available between 10am and 2pm to listen to local views and answered any questions that were represented to him.. Talking ahead of the 'We Are Listening' event, Colin said: "I want to get out there and meet our communities across the county, speaking to residents who care passionately about Suffolk. I want to hear about the things that are close to people's hearts, to find out what issues are at the top of their agenda and what they want to see happening locally." Our local opportunity is on Saturday 26th September in Sudbury between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Colin will be joined by the county council's local councillors.

My priorities for Suffolk

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength – all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax

James Finch 16th July 2015 - County Councillor Stour Valley Division

Attention Footpath Walkers

If you see footpaths blocked with debris, overhanging trees, bushes, etc., please report to Parish Clerk – Dave Crimmin Tel: 01787 375085 Email: yourclerk@btinternet.com

LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Little Cornard Parish Council meets at the
Village Hall five times a year.

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

Minutes from Parish Council meetings are available on:

www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net

Parish Council Meeting dates for 2015

Tuesday, 1st September

Tuesday, 3rd November

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:-

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All material for the 2015 Christmas magazine

to be received by 31st October 2015

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.

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Vice Chairman: Nick Hammond, River View, Spout Lane, Little Cornard

Members: Ruth Adams, Cheryl Crane, Phil Gooch, Karen Gilbert and Nigel Monk

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