

THE LITTLE CORNARD MAGAZINE



One hundred years ago, in December 1917, the
last Christmas of World War I, servicemen
and women sent home embroidered postcards

Three embroidered Christmas postcards are shown overlapping. The top card features a pink heart, green holly leaves, and red berries, with the text 'Merry Christmas' in blue script. The middle card shows green holly leaves and red berries, with the text 'MERRY' in blue block letters. The bottom card has a yellow and purple floral design, with the text 'HAPPY XMAS' in blue block letters. All cards have a yellow background with a decorative border.

CHRISTMAS 2017



SERVICES at ALL SAINTS

Sunday service at 10.30 a.m. except each 1st Sunday of the month –

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

5th Sundays at Assington or Little Cornard (check noticeboard)

Morning Prayer each Friday at 9.00 a.m. in the Schoolroom

Christingle Sunday 10th December at 10.30 am

Carol Service by candle light Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm

Holy Communion Sunday 24th December at 10.30 am

Family Communion Christmas Day Monday 25th December at 10.30 am

Benefice Communion Sunday 31st December at 10.30 am

Mothering Sunday Sunday 11th March 2018 at 10.30 am

From All Saints Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals have taken place

The Vicarage, Bures - Christmas 2017

Dear Friends,

I have to start with a guilty confession: I love all the business of sending and receiving fantastic gifts at Christmas and all the brightly coloured, brash stuff that goes with the season too. I know it's all over-commercialised, but the cakes and lights and Bing Crosby Dreaming of a White Christmas and amusing elf videos on FaceBook and red Starbucks cups are all part of this wonderful time, aren't they? It's barely Christmas without any one of them.

There's no 'Christmas' without 'Christ' but you have to admit (if you jumble the letters) that there's also no Christmas without 'mirth' and 'chat', 'charm' and 'ham' and 'mist'.

So is Emmanuel – "God with us", this great eternal gift of God - really the most exciting thing about Christmas? Why precisely did those angels get so excited?

If we're honest we might say that a baby in a distant manger isn't exciting in the way a Christmas stocking can be. And yet, when the glitz of Christmas fades, the special toy of the year is left to one side, the balloons hang limp and the tree has dropped its last needle, still the light of Emmanuel will shine.

The light of Emmanuel, God with us, shines in countless ways around us this Christmas and beyond, if we have eyes to see. It shines in the eyes of those who give up their own time, their own resources, their own Christmas, to make this time special for those who are elderly, lonely, sick or homeless.

Which is why I'm really thrilled that some members of our Youth Group are determined to have a go this year at the Advent Sleep Out Challenge. Every year, the Church Urban Fund invites churches to participate in this challenge, to raise awareness of the plight of those sleeping rough and to raise funds to provide beds and support. Our intrepid teenage group will be sleeping out over night with their leaders in early December. Do please support them with your prayers and with their fundraising efforts: it will be great fun, I'm sure, but will also give them (and us) a greater sense of the vulnerability of those who have no choice but to be out in the open at night.

I hope you have a wonderful time during this Christmas celebration and I hope that you really enjoy everything that goes along with it – the presents, the games, the Christmas specials on TV, the tinsel and the decorations. And in the midst of it all, I pray that we will each find space for the one bit that makes a difference – Emmanuel, God with us, shining the light of his love into our lives this Christmas, and always.

Steve.

CHURCHWARDEN'S CORNER

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the harvest fair a success. It was especially heartening to see so many people when it clashed with other local events. The dog show was as popular as always, although if fewer of you brought your dogs it would give mine a better chance of winning a few more rosettes!

The hymns that people select for the Songs of Praise service are always interesting. Again this year we had a mixture of the well-known and the slightly more obscure. What is often most thought-provoking is the reason that people give for choosing them.

The bell project is moving on well and our thanks go to Robert and his team for organising the fundraising and to everyone else for their wonderful support.

The Christmas season will very soon be upon us and we have several services in Little Cornard during December:

The CHRISTINGLE service is on Sunday the 10th at 10:30

The candlelit CAROL SERVICE is on Sunday 17th at 6:30 with mulled wine and mince pies in the schoolroom afterwards.

There is the regular Sunday Communion on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Day there is a 10:30 Family Service with a short Communion afterwards for those who would like it.

There is a 10:30 Benefice Communion in Little Cornard on New Year's Eve.

We hope to see you over the Christmas period.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Jeremy Apter - Churchwardens Brenda Pentney and Jeremy Apter

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Recruiting for the Flower & Cleaning Rota 2018

Marian and I will be doing the new Rota after Christmas, if anyone has any request for dates etc: please let us know. We are very grateful for any offers of help, any new volunteers very welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has helped throughout 2017.

Marian Turner 01787 377889 Sue Macdiarmid 01787 375858.

Suffolk Historic Annual Bicycle Ride

This year we had a sunny morning and a shower in the afternoon, 17 cyclists visited us, some from Ixworth, Elmswell and then local villages. Special thanks to Dr Susan Sills who kindly cycled for All Saints Little Cornard.

Sue Macdiarmid.

Christmas Eve

How do you celebrate Christmas Eve? It has its own customs, the most popular of which is going to Midnight Mass, or the Christ-Mas. This is the only Mass of the year that is allowed to start after sunset. In Catholic countries such as Spain, Italy and Poland, Midnight Mass is in fact the most important church service of the entire Christmas season, and many people traditionally fast beforehand. In other countries, such as Belgium and Denmark, people dine during the evening, and then go on to the Midnight Service.

The British are behind some countries when it comes to exchanging presents: in Germany, Sweden and Portugal the custom is to exchange on Christmas Eve. But the British are ahead of Serbia and Slovakia, where the Christmas tree is not even brought into the house and decorated until Christmas Eve.

Yule logs are not so popular since the decline of the fireplace, but traditionally it was lit on Christmas Eve from a bit of the previous year's log, and then would be burned non-stop until 12th Night (6th January). Tradition also decreed that any greenery such as holly, ivy or mistletoe must wait until Christmas Eve until being brought into the house.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper was held on Saturday, September 30th in the School Room.

It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The supper, wine and company were all very enjoyable.

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard in preparing for this evening, it was greatly appreciated by us all.

Marian Turner



Church Flowers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Decorations, as always the Church looked beautiful. Marian and I will be in touch nearer the time for the Christmas decorating.

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Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride 2017

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1973 at a time when there was great concern about the costs and practicalities of maintaining the five hundred medieval churches plus the many non-conformist chapels and meeting houses in Suffolk. The Trust is non-denominational and according to its website has, over the years, raised and distributed over four million pounds to help with the repair and maintenance of these churches and other places of worship.



Susan Sills at Borley Church

The annual “Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride” is an important date in the fund raising calendar. This year it was on 9th September, the same date as our Harvest Fair. In return for sponsorship participants cycle or walk to as many churches as they can manage during the day. Fine if you’re somewhere like Ipswich where a total of thirty eight churches were open on the day but not so easy in a more rural area. Here two of the seventeen intrepid cyclists who included Little Cornard in their tour give an account of their day:

Susan Sills: A great day was had, being blessed with good weather (until 3 pm) and just about enough energy and muscle power. I started at Assington and finished at Little Cornard. Highlights along the way included a very generous helping of coffee and cake for elevenses at Edwardstone, a very interesting art exhibition at Acton, a sunny seat at Long Melford for sandwiches at midday, bumping into Ken Jackson (not literally!) at Borley, a lovely long flat pedal along the old railway line to Sudbury and, after a complicated tour of the town to visit as many churches as I could, tea and cake at Little Cornard Harvest Fair which was very welcome after pushing the bike up Prospect Hill in the rain!

Thank you very much to everyone for your generous donations which allowed me to hand over £200 to the Trust, half of which will go to Little Cornard.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride 2017

Caroline Wyke Bures Green: I left home just after 9.00 a.m. and got on my bike taking just water, a map and mobile phone (turned off). I rode the back route to my first church, turning left at Dorking Tye and finding a muddy track to All Saints, Little Cornard. Then via the golf course and I crossed the A134 to the church at Newton Green. Turning right onto the A134, a nasty road for cycling, I then turned right again and out to my next church at Great Waldingfield which has a fancy toilet in a garden shed.

I then followed the signs for Edwardstone, missing the turning for Groton, visited Boxford and then went back up the hill to Groton. Being an Essex girl I find some of these Suffolk hills tough but the views from the tops are amazing.

I continued taking small narrow lanes visiting Lindsey, Semer and then on to Bildeston. At Chelsworth I got entangled with the bells, not of the church but of the Morris Men! Chelsworth church was difficult to find: no yellow balloons, a worn out sign and a track through a cottage garden. I rode into Monks Eleigh, Brent Eleigh and then up another steep hill to Preston St Mary. Next stop Lavenham from where I had intended to visit more churches but at 2.00 p.m. the heavens opened. Lavenham High Street was like a river, I was soaked and had water logged brakes so decided to head for home via Acton. My last church visited was St Mary's at Bures. A great ride and a warm welcome at all the churches. Upon reaching home I enjoyed a hot bath and I'm planning to ride again next year.

Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch



Phil Gooch
NHW Co-ordinator
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As well as the Sylvan ward at the Hospice, they have Open House support groups in Bury St Edmunds, Brandon, Haverhill, Newmarket, Thetford, Botesdale, Stanton, Barrow and Sudbury where advice and support is available to visitors who attend, and a team of community St Nic's nurses who treat and care for 200-300 patients a week, offer the main bulk of the Hospices' service out in the local community.

Added to this are the indispensable 700+ volunteers who give their time across many areas of Hospice life and this amazing community helps raise £11,000 per day to make it possible for the Hospice to continue to care for those with long-term and life-threatening illnesses. Indeed many don't realise that the medical care, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, is free of charge, but the Hospice still needs more help, from every town, village and home.

A fun way to help raise funds is to join the Hospice's Lottery, which raises over £350,000 each year for the charity; this consistent income means the Hospice can plan for the future knowing it has the regular support of the community.

With tickets costing £1 per chance, each week members can be in with the possibility of winning prizes ranging from £10 to £10,000 all in the name of a good cause.... We invite you to join the Hospice Lottery and be part of a membership that really makes it happen!

Please contact Alison Bacon-Snow on 01284 715566 or email alison.bacon-snow@stnh.org.uk for further details. Single tickets are also available online at www.stnicholashospicecare.org.uk/Lottery



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Why The World Was Ready For Christmas

Ever wonder why Jesus was born when He was? The Bible tells us that “when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son...” The Jewish people had been waiting for their Messiah for centuries. Why did God send Him precisely when He did?

Many biblical scholars believe that the ‘time had fully come’ for Jesus because of the politics of the time. The Roman Empire’s sheer size and dominance had achieved something unique in world history: the opportunity for travel from Bethlehem to Berwick on Tweed without ever crossing into ‘enemy territory’ or needing a ‘passport’. For the first time ever, it was possible for ‘common’ people to travel wide and far, and quickly spread news and ideas. And all you needed were two languages - Greek to the east of Rome, and Latin to the west and north. You could set sail from Joppa (Tel Aviv) and head for any port on the Med. And the Roman roads ran straight and true throughout the empire.

So the Roman Empire achieved something it never intended: it helped spread news of Christianity far and wide for 400 years. After that, the Empire crumbled, and the borders shut down. Not until the 19th century would people again roam so freely. The time for Jesus to be born, and for news of Him to be able to travel, had indeed ‘fully come’.

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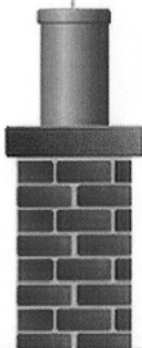
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Harvest Fair

I would like to say a big thank you to all who contributed to a successful Harvest Fair, way back in September.

We had a scrumptious array of refreshments: warm cheese scones, barbequed hot dogs and burgers and to complete the spread there were a variety of cakes including millionaire shortbread, coffee and walnut cake and paradise squares.

The bric-a-brac and book stalls were well stocked and the jigsaw stall well attended. There were challenges to be had in guessing the weight of the pumpkin, scoring with a selection of balls in the rungs of a ladder and even a tiddlywinks table and of course a raffle.

The Dog Show attracted owners to bring dogs of all sizes. They were judged on behaviour, skills and appeal with most of them winning a doggie prize. These were kindly donated by Barking Mad.

My thanks to everyone who baked, organised the games and staffed the event and to all who gave so generously.

Brenda Pentney

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Patricia Monk

Booking Secretary on 01787 227614.

LITTLE CORNARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Our last meeting was a very interesting and informative talk by Sally Hepher who has been a volunteer with the Woodland Trust for many years. She explained how the Trust was begun in 1972 by a small group from the West Country who were concerned that the local woodland areas were fast disappearing. The Trust now covers the whole country and owns over 1,000 woodland areas. Their website gives details of woods that can be visited throughout the country, not just those owned by the Trust but by the Forestry Commission, by Wildlife Trusts and also privately owned woods, for those who love a woodland walk the website is a mine of information.

Our recent talk was very relevant to the Conservation Society as when it was begun in 1976 of great concern was the loss of trees in the village, there was also concern about the amount of development going on in nearby villages and the Society was formed so that there was a group in existence that could monitor what was happening in the area that might have an impact on Little Cornard.

That is still the purpose of the Society today. Fortunately there have been few serious concerns in recent years and the group has enjoyed a more social agenda of late. However should the need arise we would call on more of the villagers of Little Cornard to join us to protect the village interests.

Potential threats are still there: the proposed by-pass if it was decided it should be this side of Sudbury, the expansion of Stansted Airport and the possibility of Great Cornard extending its building edge taking in the field alongside Prospect Hill to name a few.

If you would like to join the Society as a member or would just like to come along to a meeting or two please contact me Tina Cutts on 01787 372873 or by e-mail tina@copcot.co.uk – you can be assured of a very warm welcome! Our meetings are held in the village hall, one of the village's great assets! It is not onerous, we enjoy a couple of talks through the winter months, avoiding the worst of the weather and a Christmas get together, in the summer we have two outings to local places of interest.

The next meeting is our Christmas Social on the 7th December when we will enjoy a glass of mulled wine, delicious snacks provided by our members and a magic lantern show, using a genuine antique magic lantern and slides.

On the 29th March Adrian Walters, Warden of the Water Meadows and Great Cornard Country Park, will talk to us about his work and in particular about the wildlife and plants he comes across at our local country park, his talks are always interesting and we are looking forward to hearing about his experiences on our very doorstep.

Tina Cutts, Secretary

CORNARD MERE - WINTER 2017

By Robin Ford - Voluntary warden, Cornard Mere

October has been a busy month on Cornard Mere. The area of exposed peat near "Little Mere" has been enlarged with four old harvest mouse nests found amongst the cut reed and bulrush stems. In addition, four barn owl chicks have been ringed from a box erected along the boundary of the reserve with the garden of "Little Mere".

The Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project volunteers, together with Suffolk Wildlife Trust staff, cut back the line of willows fronting the roadside entrance onto the mere. During the month, sadly, an otter was run over at this point. The bend in the road near the Anglian Water pumping station remains a black spot for animal casualties ranging from badger to bank vole via grass snake and slow worm. The corpses of three male blackbirds, found within ten feet of each other, this spring, was a depressing sight. Even the volunteers have to don "high-vis" jackets before crossing the road!

On October 26th the "Environment" section of the East Anglian Daily Times devoted its back page to Cornard Mere and I hope the publicity will encourage more people to visit the reserve and join our work parties held on every first Sunday of the month, apart from April and May. For further information I can be contacted on (01787) 281631.

Christmas: Why does it begin at midnight with Holy Communion?

The hour was first chosen at Rome in the fifth century to symbolise the idea that Christ was born at midnight – a mystical idea in no way hindered by historical evidence! No one knows the hour of his birth.

Certainly in recent times, Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas morning has proved popular with modern families. One British writer pointed out its "domestic convenience" in 1947: "for where there are children and no servants, husband and wife may be unable to communicate at any other time." (So things don't change, then!)

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Suffolk Fostering Service launches a series of fostering recruitment campaigns

Over the coming months Suffolk County Council's Fostering Service will launch a series of campaigns aimed at encouraging more Suffolk residents to become foster carers. As we prepare for Christmas it is worth remembering that 820 children currently live in care in Suffolk and there is an urgent need for more people to come forward to foster. The first campaign will focus on the need to recruit more foster carers for teenagers.

Suffolk Fostering Service is the longest established provider of fostering services in the county, offering competitive fees, 24-hour support services and up to 21 days paid leave per year.

The first campaign focuses on the real-life experiences of two Suffolk Fostering Service foster carers, Ethel from Ipswich and Sammy from Lowestoft. Teenagers in care have often gone through a great deal in their lives and this campaign aims to give an honest reflection of what it takes to be a foster carer and the rewards that can come as a result.

The campaign is accompanied by a new promotional video which features both Ethel and Sammy, providing an insight into what it takes to be a foster carer for teenagers and the positive difference they make to a young person's life.

It's really important to get more people talking about foster care and I would encourage South Suffolk residents to look at their own lives to consider whether they have the patience, compassion and the spare room required to provide a child with the secure home life they need.

For more information visit: www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk County Council Guidance on Neighbourhood Planning

In recent months, there has been a significant uptake in local communities beginning work on neighbourhood plans across Suffolk. Their principal engagement is with District Councils. However, many of the issues raised in these plans relate to County Council services from

education through to the rights of way network. Therefore, a document has been prepared giving guidance on the impact that neighbourhood plans may have on matters that are this Council's responsibilities. For each topic, there are sections on:

- What does the national policy say?
- What can a neighbourhood plan do and how we can help?
- What have others done?

It is intended that this will prove useful for those groups developing neighbourhood plans and provide a more focussed discussion with County Council officers.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service launches 'escape plan' campaign

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has launched a new safety campaign and website highlighting the importance of fire escape plans. Visitors to the campaign website www.fire.suffolk.gov.uk will be able to take a quiz to test how prepared they are to escape a fire and create their own escape plan for everyone in their household

The campaign addresses the fact that every year there are 40,000 accidental house fires in the UK. Having an escape plan will allow Suffolk residents to escape the fire quickly and safely.

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Bell Update November 2017

By the time you read this much of the work will have been done!

To date, 9th November, the font has been moved from the base of the tower to its new position by the south door. New red and black tiles have been laid round the font to match the original.

Work has begun on removing the old ceiling and redundant woodwork in the tower in preparation for the removal of the bells which will happen during the week of 15th to 17th November. The bells will then be taken to Taylors of Loughborough for restoration.

A new ceiling and floor will be fitted in the tower once the bells have been removed in preparation for the fitting of the new bell frame sometime in the New Year.

Ten pews have been removed from the back of the church and will be converted into five movable pews. One of the benefits of this means that people in wheelchairs will be able to be seated without feeling uncomfortable sitting in the aisle.

For further information including pictures please visit the church's website at www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk.

The new bell will be cast on the 1st February and we have been invited to see it cast as well as a tour of the foundry and museum. The plan is to hire a coach, but there is a limit on numbers so if you are interested in joining us please let me know either by e-mail robert@cobnutcottage.co.uk or tel: 01787 228077

Robert Mackman

Storehouse Foodbank

No changes with the drop off points at Waitrose and the Christopher Centre.

A large number of boxes are packed for Christmas and I know any contributions are very welcome.

Any queries Sue Macdiarmid 01787 375858



And There Were Shepherds

Luke's story of the birth of Jesus is brilliantly told – the angel's visit to Mary to tell her she would be mother of the long-promised Messiah, the old priest in the Temple told by another angel that his wife would have a son to be called 'John', who would prepare the people of Israel for that event, and then Mary and Joseph making the 60 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as required by the Roman census. When they got there, no room at the inn, and they settled instead for a convenient stable, where Mary gave birth to a boy child.

Suddenly, Luke changes the tone. 'And there were shepherds ...' – that's what he actually wrote, just like that. 'And there were shepherds', doing exactly what shepherds do, looking after their flocks by night. But this night was different: yet another angelic message – a call to abandon their sheep and go into Bethlehem to see the baby Messiah. They were given directions and a 'sign' to identify Him. He would be lying in a feeding trough. Well, at least they would recognise that.

And why the shepherds, in this glorious story of our salvation? Because the event needed witnesses, and the chosen witnesses would be this bunch of scruffy, smelly shepherds straight from the sheep-pen. Nothing could speak more eloquently of God's purpose than that. This was not a Saviour for the strong, rich and powerful, but for everybody. The carpenter and his wife guarded the Saviour of the world, and the very first witnesses were not kings or priests but a handful of shepherds.

By David Winter

Songs Of Praise

On Sunday 8th October the congregation enjoyed a very uplifting and delightful Songs of Praise Service. Conducted very admirably by Andrew Clifft, it was a most memorable occasion.

The hymns were chosen by members of the congregation who each explained their reason for their choice and the stories were very engaging.

Such a lovely atmosphere of happiness and joy prevailed. We will look forward to another one hopefully in the future.

Marian Turner

26 December Look out for Wenceslas

Most of us probably know that on December 26th (the Feast of Stephen) 'Good king Wenceslas' looked out, writes David Winter. We probably also know that the snow lay round about, 'deep and crisp and even'. Beyond that, he's just someone in a carol that's not often sung nowadays.

However, Wenceslas was a real person, a duke, and effectively king of Bohemia in the 10th century. In modern terms, he was Czechoslovakian. He was known as a generous and kind monarch, deeply Christian and given to good works. So the story in the carol by the Victorian hymn-writer J.M. Neale, while possibly fictitious, is at least in line with his recognised character. 'Page and monarch' braved the 'bitter weather' and the 'cruel wind's wild lament' to take food and fuel to a poor man living rough.

Neale's carol was enormously popular in the 19th century, because it perfectly expressed Victorian Christian ideals of benevolence and almsgiving. Christian men of 'wealth and rank' are urged to help the poor, and so 'find blessing'. Ignoring the 'wealth and rank and men' bit, it's still good advice, at Christmas or any other time.

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Brenda Pentney

100th Wedding Anniversary of Little Cornard Couple

This year on 20th August 2017 I was lucky enough to stand on the same spot where, 100 years ago to the day, my grandparents were married at All Saints Church, Little Cornard. Their names were Winifred Copping and Royal Frederick Tabear.

Fred, as he liked to be known, was a regular soldier serving with the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders and saw the full horrors of World

War 1 in France and Belgium. They were known as the Old Contemptibles. Fred, who was a bandsman and stretcher-bearer, almost lost his life in around 1916 when a bomb blast left him lying in No Man's Land for three days before he was rescued. After a life-saving operation to remove his leg Fred was discharged from the Army in 1917. His rank was Sergeant when war broke out on 4th August 1914. The 2nd Seaforth were stationed at Shorncliff in Kent and it was around this time that he met Winifred Copping, I believe at a bandstand in Folkestone.

Fred's father, Mr William Tabear, lived at Burnt House Farm, Little Cornard with his wife Rachael and was foreman on the Causton Estate. Later Fred, now married, also came to Little Cornard to work on the Causton Estate, living in Ivy Cottage on Upper Road near The One Bell Inn. Fred and Winifred's three daughters were all born at Ivy Cottage: Winifred in 1918, Doris in 1921 and Dorothy – known as Joan – in 1923.

Later the family moved to Burnt House Farm to help with the running of the farm. Winifred worked hard looking after her family as well as dealing with milk, eggs etc. from the farm. The men used to come every day with their cans to collect the milk. As well as all this Winifred would lay out the dead and also go to assist the local women when their babies were born. *(Continued)*



Winifred & Fred outside Pump Cottage

100th Wedding Anniversary of Little Cornard Couple (continued)

When Fred's father retired as farm foreman the family moved to Pump Cottage at the bottom of Spout Lane. Most of the cottages in the village were lived in by farm workers. The work was done by hand and with horses so a lot of men were needed. Doris recalls that summer holidays were good: she would take her father's dinner to him – always a hot meal – which her mother put in an enamel dish. She said they knew all the fields on the farm and would sometimes stay so that they could have a ride home on the horses, which they loved.

In around 1937 the landowner, Mr J. E. Francis, put a petrol pump in the front garden at Pump Cottage along with a cigarette machine. He asked Mrs Tabeart to serve the petrol and she was paid by how much she sold. Doris remembers the price of petrol was the equivalent of around 7p per gallon, about 1/6 in pre-decimal coinage.

Later, when a lorry and tractors were bought for the farm, life became easier for the men and gradually not so many men were needed. Although Fred had only one leg he taught himself to drive a small tractor – he used to stand up to drive.

Sadly, Royal Frederick Tabeart died at the early age of sixty and Winifred died aged seventy four. They are buried in Little Cornard Churchyard.

The following are the names of some of the men who lived and worked on the farms with their families: Mr Hume (their neighbour at Ivy Cottage), Mr Spooner, Mr Smith, Mr Cardy, Mr Whymark, Mr Vince, Mr Farrance, Mr Collins, Mr Holder, Mr Nichols, Mr Davey (their neighbour at Pump Cottage) and Mr Rawlinson.

Mr and Mrs Tabeart's daughter Winifred became Mrs Cliff Corder, Joan became Mrs Lane and Doris became Mrs George Liddle. Winifred and Joan's sons live locally, Roger Lane at Acton and Brian Corder in Sudbury.

William Banks, the Rector who married Winifred and Fred, went on to become Rector of All Saints Church, Acton and is buried in the Churchyard there.

Roger Lane

Village Hall

Not much to report about the Village Hall this time. We are awaiting quotes for some work on the roof and hope to achieve the retiling next year, when the weather is better and we have raised some more funds. Otherwise, please don't hesitate to contact Patricia Monk if you would like to use the hall. Rates are very reasonable. We will be holding a quiz night in the New Year and will advise a date later.

In the meantime, have a Merry Christmas!

Ruth

If you are travelling this Christmas, look out...

In a Swiss mountain inn: Special today - no ice cream.

At an airport in Denmark: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

In a New York restaurant: Customers who find our waitresses rude ought to see the manager.

On the door of a Moscow hotel room: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

Before You Speak THINK

T - is it true

H - is it helpful

I - is it inspiring

N - is it necessary

K - is it kind

Can you help Healthwatch Suffolk to shape and improve home care services?

Healthwatch Suffolk is exploring people's experiences of accessing home care services (domiciliary care). It is an opportunity for you, your friends or family members to influence and improve these services now and for the future.

The watchdog wants to hear from people that are currently using home care services, have used them in the past or those who may need help at home but have been unable to obtain support in the county.

Domiciliary care is care provided in a person's home. Sometimes it is called home care or 'Support to Live at Home'. Home care can include support with things like helping people to get out of bed, washing, dressing, getting to work, cooking meals, eating, seeing friends, caring for families and being part of the community.

Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

Sharing your experiences couldn't be easier

If you are currently using a service, Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to take part in a short survey. You can access it using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/homecareinsuffolk>

If you are not currently accessing support or would prefer not to feedback online, please contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 08004488234 (Freephone) or by email to info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk. Hard copies of the survey and other formats are available on request.

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Silence for Her Majesty

Exactly 60 years ago the Queen's Christmas message was broadcast for the first time on television. Finally, the newcomer had put radio in its place! Families all over Britain delayed their Christmas pudding to hear, and for the first time to *watch* their monarch delivering it.

By modern broadcast standards, it was rather odd. One could feel the Queen's anxiety about it, the content, as most royal messages had always been, predictable and platitudinous and the accent a strange and unique 'royal speak' in which 'I' was always 'One' and 'house' was pronounced 'hice'. Nobody worried. She was a popular monarch and she had embraced the new 'medium of the people' to talk to us.

Somewhere in the next 60 years the whole style and feel of the Christmas message changed. For one thing, the Queen's accent is now simply a bit posh, but completely recognisable and normal. 'One' has gone, and Her Majesty is very happy to talk freely about her own feelings and faith – quite remarkably so in the last few years. There are very few platitudes, but a great deal of hard-earned wisdom in her words. At 91, she has mastered the great television art of talking *to* rather than *at* the audience. Long live the Queen!

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